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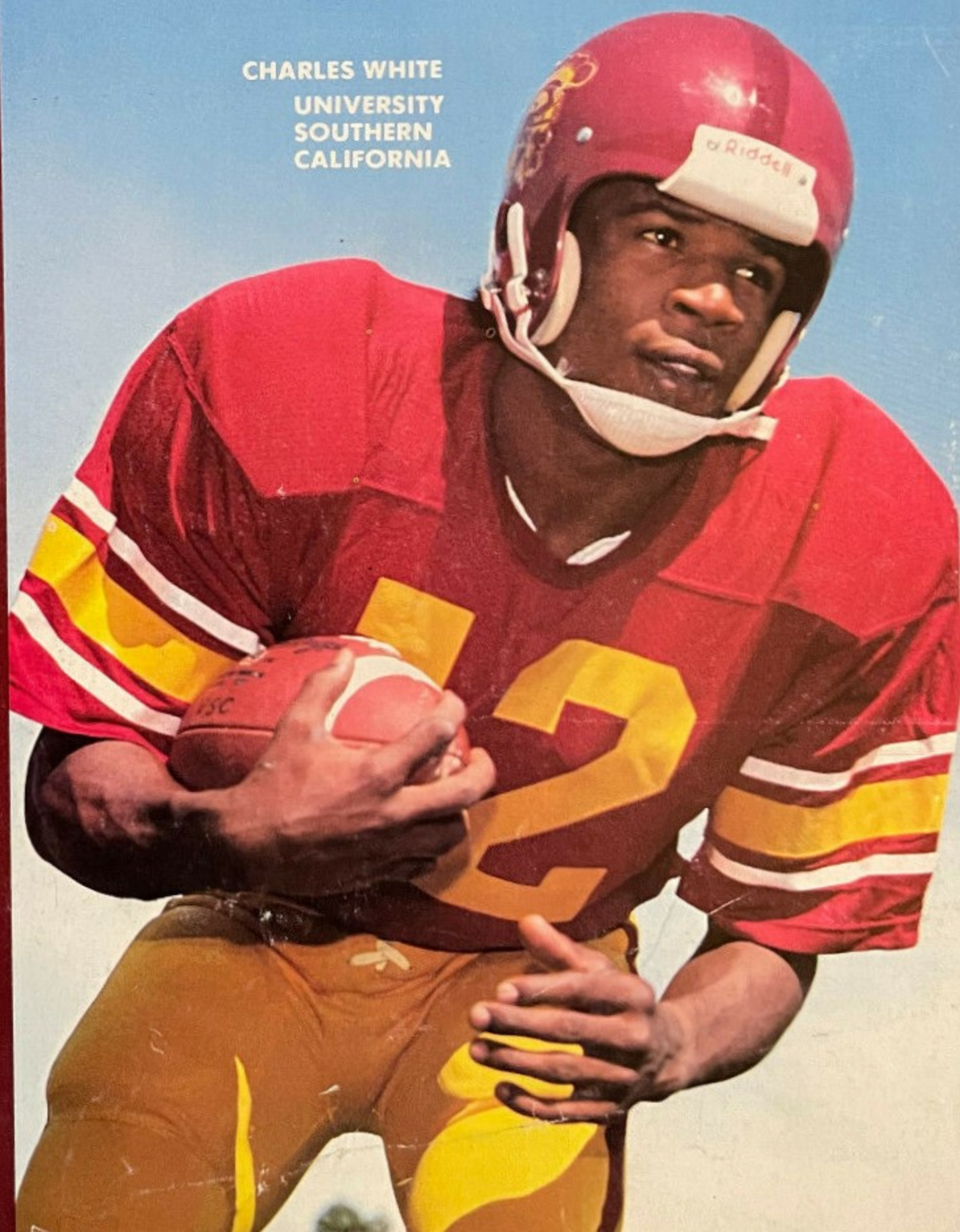
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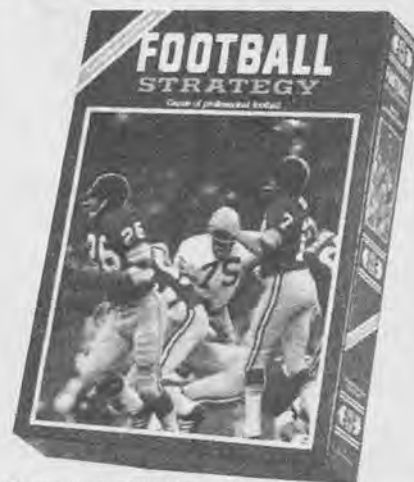
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1. Southern California
2. Alabama
3. Purdue
4. Michigan
5. Texas

## NATION'S TOP 15

6. Stanford
7. Oklahoma
8. Notre Dame
9. Missouri
10. Texas A&M
11. Penn State
12. Michigan State
13. Washington
14. Nebraska
15. Georgia

When all is said and done after the 1979 season, we see Southern California as the national champion. The Trojans are the class of the tough Pacific Ten Conference because of running back Charles White, quarterback Paul McDonald and a rugged defense.

Alabama is shooting for its eighth SEC title in this decade, and coach Paul (Bear) Bryant has plenty of talent and tricks up his sleeve to make a run for the national crown again.

The Big Ten, the exclusive property of Ohio State and Michigan in recent years, is more wide open this year with Purdue—led by QB Mark Herrmann—favored to rise to the top after finishing only a half-game behind co-champs Michigan and Michigan State last year.

Michigan lost QB Rick Leach after four seasons, but figures, along with revitalized Michigan State, to give the Boilermakers a run for the title.

In the SWC, Texas' defensive unit gives the Longhorns the nod in what could be a stiff battle including Texas A&M and Texas Tech.

Oklahoma, which shared its seventh consecutive

Big Eight title last year with Nebraska, lost a bundle of talent. But the Sooners still have Heisman Trophy winner Billy Sims and many top replacements. Phil Bradley at quarterback makes Missouri formidable while Nebraska will be tough if its QB problem can be solved.

Notre Dame lost a lot, but the Irish always have talent waiting in the wings. Vagas Ferguson is their main runner.

Penn State, unbeaten and untied during the regular season in '78, came within a whisker of the national crown. Coach Joe Paterno will keep his stranglehold on the Nittany Lions' "Best in the East" reputation, although losing his quarterback and top receiver from past seasons.

Back in the Pac-10, Stanford and Washington are the next best to USC. New Stanford coach Ron Dowhower needs to find a QB, but has just about everything else. Joe Steele, zeroing in on the Washington rushing mark, makes the Huskies tough.

Behind Alabama in the SEC should be Georgia, which surprised a lot of people last season and has the best quarterback situation in the conference.

## ALL AMERICA CANDIDATES (Listed Alphabetically)—\*Heisman Trophy Candidates

### QUARTERBACKS

BRADLEY, PHIL	Missouri
CAMPBELL, RICH	California
FORD, MIKE	Southern Methodist
HALDA, MARK	San Diego State
HERRMANN, MARK	Purdue
LUTHER, ED	San Jose State
MCDONALD, PAUL	Southern California
MALONE, MARK	Arizona State
SCHLICHTER, ART	Ohio State

### GUARDS

BELL, TOM	Brigham Young
BUDDE, BRAD	Southern California
DONAGHUE, KEVIN	Oregon State
FRITZ, KEN	Ohio State
INGE, PETE	San Diego State
JAFFE RICK (dg)	Kentucky
NEAL, BRIAN	Iowa State
SCHMEDING, JOHN	Boston College
SIMMONS, RON (dg)	Florida State
SIMON, WILFRED (dg)	Tulane

### CENTERS

BOYD, BRENT	UCLA
DONALDSON, RAY	Georgia
KATNIK, NORM	Arizona
MACAULEY, JOHN	Stanford
MITCHELL, JIM	North Carolina State
STEPHENSON, DWIGHT	Alabama
TABOR, PAUL	Oklahoma

### BACKS

ALLEN, GARY	Hawaii
BARBER, MARION	Minnesota
BARDEN, RICKY (db)	North Carolina
BROWN, LESTER	Clemson
BURRUSS, LLOYD (db)	Maryland
CLAYTON, RALPH	Michigan
*CRIBBS, JOE	Auburn
*DICKEY, CURTIS	Texas A&M
EASLEY, KENNY (db)	UCLA
FERGUSON, VAGAS	Notre Dame
GRIFFIN, JEFF (db)	Utah
*HADNOT, JAMES	Texas Tech

HARRIS, PETE (db)	Penn State
HAYNES, MARK (db)	Colorado
HEATH, JO JO (db)	Pittsburgh
HIPP, I. M.	Nebraska
JAMES, ROLAND (db)	Tennessee
JOHNSON, JOHNNIE (db)	Texas
LAWRENCE, AMOS	North Carolina
NELSON, DARRIN	Stanford
RAY, DARROL (db)	Oklahoma
*SIMS, BILLY	Oklahoma
SMITH, TIM (db)	Oregon State
STEELE, JOE	Washington
WAYMER, DAVE (db)	Notre Dame
*WHITE, CHARLES	Southern California
WILDER, JAMES	Missouri
WILLIAMS, VINCE	Oregon State
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WOERNER, SCOTT (db)	Georgia

### LINEBACKERS

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AXSON, MOZELL	Miami (Fla.)
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BREWINGTON, MIKE	East Carolina
CLAUSEN, DAVE	Montana
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CUMBY, GEORGE	Oklahoma
FORREST, MIKE	New Mexico
JACKSON, BILLY DON	UCLA
JOHNSON, DENNIS	Southern California
JUDIE, ED	Northern Arizona
PARKER, ERVIN	South Carolina State
SIMPKINS, RON	Michigan
SINGLETARY, MIKE	Baylor
VASSAR, BRAD	Pacific

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BRAMMER, MARK	Michigan State
DION, TERRY (de)	Oregon

EDDINGS, FLOYD	California
FLOWERS, JACKIE	Florida State
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MARGERUM, KEN	Stanford
MILLER, JUNIOR	Nebraska
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TURNER, KEENA (de)	Purdue
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McCARTY, COLIN	Temple
McMICHAEL, STEVE	Texas
MARTIN, DOUG	Washington
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WARREN, FRANK	Auburn

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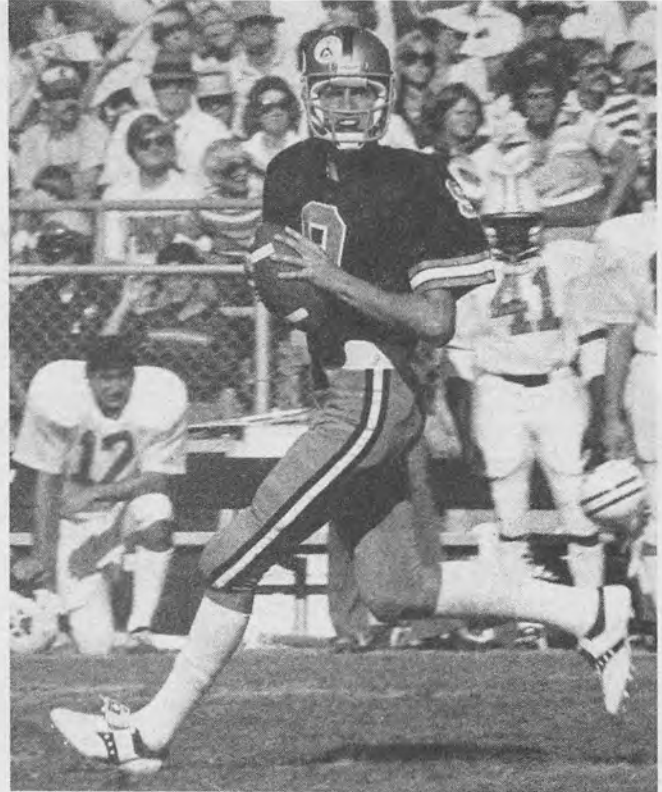
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## Mid-West

### PURDUE LEADS BIG 10, BUT WOLVERINES, SPARTANS AND BUCKEYES HUNGRY FOR TITLE

#### PREDICTIONS

##### Big 10

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. Purdue         | 6. Minnesota     |
| 2. Michigan       | 7. Indiana       |
| 3. Michigan State | 8. Iowa          |
| 4. Ohio State     | 9. Illinois      |
| 5. Wisconsin      | 10. Northwestern |

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| 2. Cincinnati  | 5. Illinois State |
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What's new is a four-team scramble for the championship and the Rose Bowl—going into a season, where, for 11 long years, it's been a two-team guessing game between Ohio State and Michigan.

Purdue and Michigan State have built themselves into a position where they can not only challenge the league biggies, but realistically aspire to the national "Top 10"—and that's what's improved about Big 10

football. The "Big Two" of old is suddenly a "Big Four."

Actually, it turned out that way last season, with MSU tying Michigan for the title and Purdue muscling to within half a game of them and Ohio only another half game back. But it wasn't anticipated.

What's more dramatically new about Big 10 football 1979 is the absence of an old familiar face. Woody Hayes has been replaced at Ohio State by former assistant, Earle Bruce, after 28 controversial but always colorful and interesting seasons, 205 victories and 13 championships (or shares thereof).

Not new, but certainly accentuated this year is the trend in the conference to more wide-open offenses. Iowa joins—maybe even leads—the group that already included Michigan State, Purdue and Northwestern.

The television commercials' slogan may not apply to the independent giant of the mid-West. It's business as usual at Notre Dame. Dan Devine lost a bundle of talent by graduation and has a schedule as rough as any around, but, as always, he has a bundle of talent remaining—and incoming. Dreams of another "Top 10" finish (tie for sixth and a seventh last year) and another bowl trip may be justified.

Ironically, a schedule made five years ago may have too much bearing on the Big 10 race.

Wisconsin and Northwestern play round robin. The other eight skip one league member each year. This fall, Purdue and Ohio State do not meet.

However, Michigan and Michigan State play each other, plus Ohio State and Purdue. That, claim the archrival Wolverines and Spartans, is a distinct disadvantage—and advantage for the Boilermakers and Buckeyes. They have a point.

Except for that schedule quirk, I might have picked Michigan as the favorite, even though Bo Schembechler's offensive unit was all but wiped out by graduation—not to mention a couple injuries in spring practice.

During those 11 years of domination, Ohio State and Michigan usually had potent, if conservative, offenses but more overwhelming defenses. Schembechler has built a remarkable 96-14-3 record in 10 years at Ann Arbor on the premise that defense is always No. 1 priority.

He returns eight of 11 starters from a 1978 defen-



sive platoon that led the league in every statistical category and ranked second nationally in fewest points yielded and fourth in total defense.

Could the '79 unit be one of his best ever? "Mmmmm," he muses, "it could be." That should be enough to sway a forecaster, because the offensive rebuilding material is only inexperienced, not talent-shy.

But wait. Let's take a look at the newest kid on the block.

Jim Young's second edition at Purdue came within half a game of tying for the championship last fall. Then, the onrushing Boilermakers polished off a 9-2-1, season with an impressive 41-21 romp in the Peach Bowl.

Young has all 11 offensive players who started the final two '78 games and seven from the defense, including two All-Big 10 picks.

In another quirk of this year's Big 10 sweepstakes, Purdue and Ohio State start with established—and brilliant—quarterbacks, while Michigan and Michigan State must replace four-year stars who left totally rewritten record books at their respective schools.

Mark Herrmann, big of physical stature and record, is one reason Purdue is the tenuous choice here to battle to the championship and attempt to crack the Big 10's embarrassing Rose Bowl "jinx."

At a school famous for passing QB's—Bob Griese, Len Dawson, Mike Phipps, Gary Danielson—Herrmann is within 1066 yards of becoming Purdue's all-time leader—in only two varsity seasons. He's strictly top All-America timber.

The Boilermaker offense should be improved, with Herrmann surrounded by a veteran cast and provided an additional weapon in nationally-publicized freshman Jimmy Smith.

But "Coach of the Year" Young knows the import of defense in the Big 10, too. He was Schembechler's defensive coordinator for nine years. He concentrated on beefing up that unit last year and his so-called "junk defense" finished fourth in the Big 10 and also fourth nationally in the vital points-yielded column (9.9).

With All-America candidate Kenna Turner. All-Big 10 Ken Loushin and tackle record-holder Kevin Motts among seven holdover starters, Purdue's defense should be stronger in '79—especially since Young recruited four JC transfers for a quick patch-up of the secondary.

Michigan absolutely overwhelmed the Boilermakers in last year's head-to-head showdown. But Herrmann was hurt in the first quarter, not to return. Also, this year's rematch will be in Ross-Ade Stadium, where Michigan teams have often been uncomfortable visitors.

By that time, though, Schembechler should have his offensive machine meshed. He must fill nine of the starting 11 jobs, but even more monumental: Six of the grads owned four letters each, including QB Rick Leach, mainspring of the attack for 48 straight games and holder of every UM record; All-Big 10 fullback Russell Davis and high pro draft choices John Geisler and Bill Dufek.

Shed no tears for ol' Bo. The replacements are

high-grade. "We're giving away a helluva lot of experience," he muses, "but we'll be all right." The defense, led by the school's all-time tackle leader and All-America candidate, Ron Simpkins, should be able to hold the fort until the offensive troops can storm back.

The 47-year-old Bruce is in the unenviable position of following a living legend, but he's unaffected. "I knew it when I took the job," he shrugged and went busily about installing his own system—which is basically what he learned under Hayes, as assistant and student.

What worries him more is replacing 11 starters, which contributes to an unproven offensive line and a question mark front defense.

Bruce does inherit "some fine, skilled people" on offense, including a quarterback as good as any in the country, Art Schlichter. As a freshman last fall, Schlichter developed into a dazzling option operator, but is still considered a superior passer.

Bruce means to exploit that. "We'll throw the football," he says, which will be a change from the previous regime. He won't abandon the run, he stipulates, especially with a wealth of experienced backs.

Nor is he unmindful of defense. He has spectacular deep backs in Vince Skillings and Mike Guess, both All-Big 10, but won't have Tom Cousineau, the pro's first draft pick, and that loss will be felt. The Buckeyes worked hard on defense last spring, but last year's unit was often short of previous OSU standards and this one will have to get some come-through contributions to improve.

Bruce, a rare three-time "Ohio High School Coach of the Year," forged his most telling credentials for the OSU job with three straight 8-3 records at Iowa State. That's an achievement, at Iowa State, in the rugged Big Eight.

The Buckeyes have what Bruce concedes is a "most favorable schedule" (opponents were 49-67-7 in '78). Also, Bruce passed his first test as a recruiter nobly, corralling nine all-staters among 24 signees.

Darryl Rogers, who started the trend to more wide-open offense in the Big 10, is nearly as well-stocked as Young: seven regulars returning on offense, eight on defense.

But the losses were highly qualitative: QB Ed Smith, first in the league, fourth nationally in total offense, fifth in passing, record-holder, super field leader; All-America Kirk Gibson and three other All-Big 10 selections, two on defense.

The Spartan defense, headed by All-Big 10 Dan Bass, was second to Michigan in the Big 10 last year and should be equally stubborn this fall. The offense, first in the league and third nationally, has enough solid players that a capable QB replacement should keep it among the top Big 10 units.

It's impossible, however, to underestimate Smith's importance in MSU's drive to the top.

Actually, the "Big Four" are so close any one of them might wind up in Pasadena Jan. 1 and it would be no surprise.

One of last year's surprises, Wisconsin, is a long-shot to make it a "Big Five." Dave McClain posted a winning record in his first year and thinks his Badg-

ers are vastly improved. But they're probably a year or so away from cracking the elite.

Minnesota has another of the league's new coaches, Joe Salem, and an All-America running back possibility in Marion Barber, but will be playing for first division, rather than first.

Indiana, Iowa, with the Big 10's third new coach, Hayden Fry, Illinois and Northwestern seem destined to scramble for the second division places. All have reason to expect slightly improved teams, if not records.

Last year, Michigan finished fifth and sixth in the wire service polls, Michigan State 12th in one and Purdue 13th in both. Ohio State dropped out of the "Top 20" with a Gator Bowl loss to Clemson that also resulted in Hayes' exit.

Notre Dame lost three times in the regular season, but all was forgiven after the incredible comeback win in the Cotton Bowl. Devine welcomes 10 returning regulars, but most worrisome will be the absence of the triggerman of that bowl epic—and an amazing number of others heroics during the last three years—QB Joe Montana.

There's no heir-apparent, but fifth-year man Rusty Lisch has elected to try again. Which eases the concern. Otherwise, the offense is solid, with All-America potential Vagas Ferguson and plenty of experienced talent at all other positions.

Defense, which graduated All-America Bob Golic, and five other starters, is less established, but some shuffling in spring drills plugged all the gaps with lettermen. The Irish are usually very tough on defense.

By his own assessment—as well as others'—Devine recruited one of the top three freshman classes in college football, which will replenish the ranks.

What really bugs him is the schedule. "The first three teams we play—Michigan, Purdue and Michigan State," he frets, "could be in the Top 10." The respect is mutual.

Elsewhere in the mid-West, the Mid-American Conference, buoyed by a new Bowl tie-up with the Pacific Coast AA, offers a wilder race than usual, with Central Michigan, Ball State, Miami and Western Michigan as the best bets for the title and that first bowl trip.

Mid-West football prestige is enhanced by having two reigning NCAA champions—Eastern Illinois in Division II and Baldwin-Wallace in Division III.

Eastern finished third in the new Mid-Continent Conference, but beat Delaware in the NCAA finals. Youngstown, the league champ, lost in the playoff semis. Eastern is a strong MCC favorite this fall, with Youngstown and Akron again close.

Baldwin-Wallace beat Wittenberg in the national playoff championship game, after they'd won their Ohio Conference divisions. Both should repeat in the OC, although competition may be more spirited this fall.

The first four-team race in the Big 10 in years isn't going to affect the "gate" that much. Michigan, national attendance leader with a 104,948 average; Ohio State, second at 87,840, and Purdue, 14th at 62,250, were already operating at capacity and Michigan State climbed to near capacity, 10th at 71,140.

Wisconsin was seventh at 71,443 and Notre Dame 15th at 61,075, also capacity.

College football is still very big in the mid-West, even if the PAC-10 does go on winning the Rose Bowl.

Figures in parentheses are 1978 all-game and, league records.

LEGENDS: Y-Yards Gained; C-Pass Completions; R-Pass Receptions; T-Touchdowns.

## BIG TEN

**PURDUE** (9-2-1, 6-1-11)—Mark Herrmann is getting better.

The 6-5, 194-pound Boilermaker junior QB is already the No.4 career passer in Big 10 history—after only 23 varsity games.

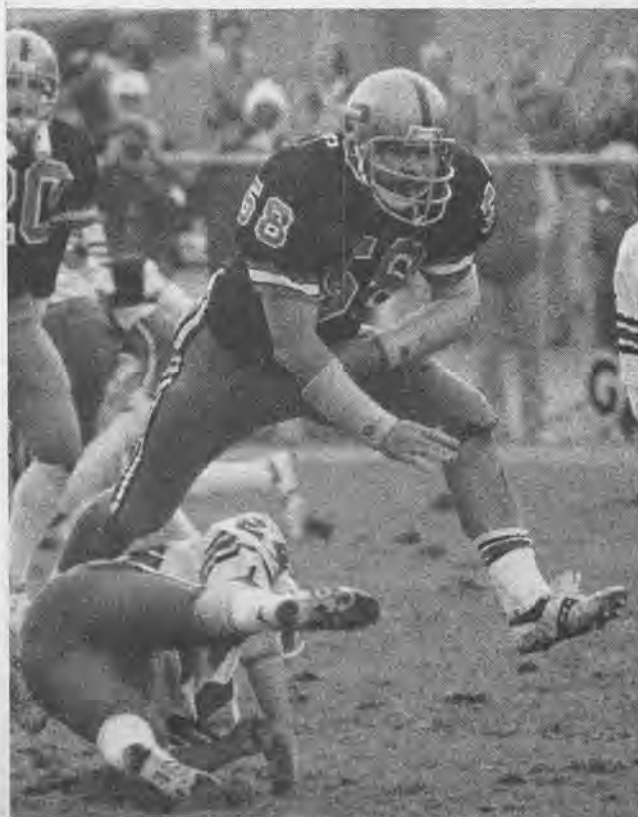
But coach Jim Young reports, "he had an excellent spring. He appeared to be better than when he left off last year. He's quicker, moves around better and is throwing the deep pass quite well."

Significant as that may be—and disquieting to future foes, it's only one of several reasons for an outbreak of "football fever" the Purdue campus hasn't seen in eons.

The 42-year-old Young's second Boilermaker team produced the first winning season since 1972, the most victories since 1969, the second nine-win season in the school's history, the first bowl trip since 1967 and came within half a game of tying for the league championship.

Then, Young's men "sorta peaked," as he phrases it, with a 41-21 explosion against Georgia Tech in the Peach Bowl. Enthusiasm also sorta peaked—and is still on a high, understandably.

**KEVIN MOTTS**, 6-2, 230, senior linebacker, is all-time Purdue leader in tackles with 422 in three years as starter.







JOHN MACON, 6-1, 205, was Purdue's workhorse running back last year, gaining 913 yards, 2nd team All-Big Ten.

Young is in the unique coaching position of having all 11 offensive starters returning this fall—at least as the unit lined up for the final two games of '78.

Further, seven of 11 defensive regulars resume stations. Young set out a year ago to build a better defense. That he did is attested by a fourth place finish nationally.

"Our defense really came along," he agrees. "We feel it's going to be as strong, if not stronger this year."

The same obviously applies to the offense, which last year posted 261 points—no shutouts—and 4164 yards.

Herrmann contributed his share to Purdue's upsurge. He threw less—274 times to 319 as a freshman, but completed a higher percentage (152c, 1904y, 14 TD, .555). He also cut interceptions from 27 in 11 games in '77 to 12 in 12 games.

The poised, reserved Herrmann matured in all ways as a QB. If, as spring practice indicated, he's continued to improve, '79 should be quite a year. He won the Peach Bowl MVP with 12 of 24 passes for 166 yards and two TD's and scored his first collegiate TD on a bootleg.

Another Young goal going into '78 was to develop a ground attack to go with the proven passing. "Our running game really helped us," he says. It accounted for 2107 yards—to 2057 by passing.

The Boilermakers should be even stronger this fall, with 6-0, 190 Jimmy Smith, one of the nation's most-heralded scholastic All-Americans, among the

freshmen (Illinois State 220 dash champ; 25 TD's as senior; 4.4 speed for 40).

Wally Jones (6-1, 192) started the Peach Bowl as a freshman and had a big day. Young attests, "He had an excellent spring, ran well, caught the ball well." Smith apparently will have his work cut out if he aspires to the starting TB assignment.

Bob Williams, No. 1 TB going into last season, was sidelined early with knee surgery, but is figured for full duty this fall. Senior Ben McCall held No. 2 last spring and Young thinks less-publicized frosh Jim Owen and Eric Jordan will contribute.

FB John Macon (6-1, 205), second-team All-Big 10, led Young's rushers (913y) and will again be the steady, hard-running workhorse. Mike Augustyniak (308y), who started two games with Macon in a big-back tandem, will be backup FB—and a factor in the rushing.

Herrmann will have a good, solid, experienced set of receivers, headed by 6-6, 222 TE Dave Young (27r, 400y). Bart Burrell (31r, 467y) and Mike Harris (34r, 495y) will again man the wide spots and Purdue's swiftest, Ray Smith, is back to challenge, after an injury-plagued year.

Joining the corps will be top freshman Tom Jeslesky (6-6, 260), probable backup at TE.

Purdue's line should be better, by experience and playing together. Steve McKenzie (T, 6-5, 260, second-team All-Big 10 and a pro prospect, Henry Feil (T, 6-4, 255), Dale Schwan (G, 6-4, 228) and Pete Quinn (C, 6-2, 243) started and played virtually all of the 12 games. Don Hall (G, 6-2, 224) started two games.

Purdue's front-line defense is impressive, listing the top six tacklers from '78 and owning 68 "sacks."

Keena Turner (E, 6-3, 212), all Big 10, gets Young's nod as a legitimate All-America candidate because "of this quickness and ability to make the big play." He had 25 of those "sacks."

Ken Loushin (MG, 6-2, 248), who bench presses 425 pounds, was also All-Big 10 and Marcus Jackson (6-4, 260) second-team All-Big 10. But junior Calvin Clark (T, 6-5, 234) may be the best of all. He was the "defensive player of the game" in the Peach Bowl.

No Boilermaker has ever made more tackles than rugged Kevin Motts (LB, 6-2, 230)—422 in three years as a regular. His partner behind the line is Mark Johanson (6-2, 211), who moved into the first lineup early last fall.

The new member of the front forces is Tom Kingsbury (E, 5-11, 198), who has been a backup for two years.

Young's rebuilding is in the secondary, where only Wayne Smith (CB) returns. "We'll be a little bit inexperienced," he concedes, "but we have some excellent athletes."

Tim Seneff and Bill Kay, each of whom has started a game, move up to fill two of the places and JC transfer Glen Fletcher will handle the other.

In a sort of "the future is now," Young recruited four JC players from California. Dave Hill, Larry Perry and Robert Thomas are backups in the deep positions and rated top prospects. Another JC grad, James Looney, is a No. 2 LB.



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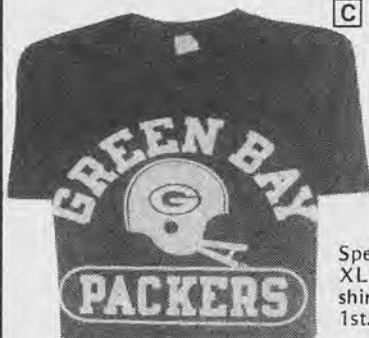
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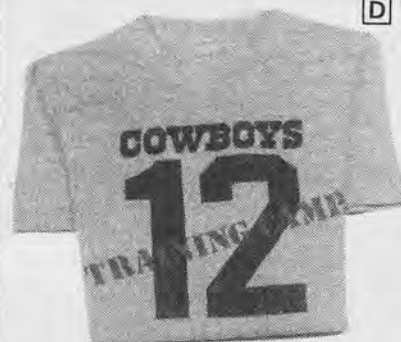


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With so many veterans in the first units, Young used spring practice to develop depth, which he considers "a real concern." He liked the results: "We got a lot done." What he rates as maybe his best frosh crop as a head coach should provide more depth where it's needed most, since 14 are linemen averaging 6-4 and 244 pounds.

Still unsettled—and a "serious concern"—is a backup QB. Punter Joe Linville handled the job last spring, but Young hopes one of the freshmen will come along quickly, maybe all-stater Don Stockton.

Still another problem is placekicking, which record-setting Scott Sovereign handled for four years. Freshmen may be the answer here, too.

**MICHIGAN** (10-2, 7-1)—"Our defense is going to have to carry us early," suggests Bo Schembechler. With obvious reason.

Graduation swept away all but WB Ralph Clayton, WR Rod Feaster and John Powers (G) from an offensive unit that generated 4649 yards and 372 points last year.

Then, Powers, a 265-pounder with 4.7 speed and All-America potential, hurt a knee in spring practice, underwent surgery and became a question mark.

Schembechler is confident the major reconstruction can be accomplished. "We'll be all right," he attests, calmly. The material is available. But most of the replacements are unproven and vastly inexperienced by comparison with their predecessors.

Replacing all-time ground-gainer and super leader Rick Leach at quarterback is first priority. "We're not in the situation we were in 1975," Schembechler notes. That was the year he started Leach as an 18-year-old freshman.

"These kids I can play, and do pretty well," he decided.

Junior B.J. Dickey understudied Leach for two years. He's an excellent runner and "threw pretty well last spring," Schembechler reports. Senior John Wangler missed '78 with an injury, but "came back and played good ball" in spring drills.

Last year's redshirt freshmen are very much in contention. Gary Lee (6-3, 198) "has got a lot of ability," in Schembechler's judgment, and Jim Paciorek is "a heck of an athlete." Either could grab the job, but neither did during spring trials.

Schembechler doesn't rule out an incoming freshman, although "it will be much tougher competition than Leach had." He's intrigued by both rookies: Rick Hewlett (6-1, 185), all-state football and basketball, "a Leach type guy . . . speed, quickness, hands" and Steve O'Donnell (6-2, 180), also all-state (N.J.), "a lefthander like Leach . . . throws well."

Michigan's running game loses 1-2 gainers Harlan Huckleby and Russell Davis, but will stay potent. Stanley Edwards (6-0, 203), who started the 1978 Rose Bowl as a freshman, missed last season with an injury, but looked better than ever in the spring.

This fast, rugged junior will start at TB, unless soph Butch Woolfolk (6-2, 203) edges in. Woolfolk, fastest-ever Wolverine back (9.5 for the 100), destroyed Minnesota with 120 yards in his varsity debut.

Incoming is high school All-America Mike Cade (6-1, 200), who gained 2253 yards last year and scored six TD's in a state championship game. Lawrence Ricks (5-10, 205) and Duke Haynes (6-2, 200) are other top freshmen.

Understudy Lawrence Reid (6-1, 209) moves up at FB, but last year's No. 2 TB, Roosevelt Smith (410y), probably will switch there if he's back in uniform—as expected. Freshmen Jerald Ingram (6-2, 215) and Joe Moschetti (6-1, 220) also figure.

Whichever QB plays, Michigan should be an air threat. "We've got the receivers," says Schembechler. "As good as we've ever had."

Clayton (25r, 546y, 8 TD), All-Big 10 last year, and Feaster, who had a great spring, are speedsters, backed by equally swift Alan Mitchell and Tony Jackson. Heralded transfer Fred Brockington ("He made some catches that were out of this world last spring") and All-America high school grad Anthony Carter join the competition.

TE Doug Marsh (19r, 283y) was All-Big 10 last year, even though he wasn't a full-time starter. Converted LB Norm Betts is current backup and Dan Yarano (6-3, 230) is a blue-chip frosh.

To add to Michigan's offensive line woes, 6-7, 280 Bubba Paris, a two-game starter as a freshman last fall, also underwent knee surgery in the spring and is doubtful.

All-Big 10 John Arbezniak (G, 6-3, 240), another spring casualty, is expected to be back, however, teaming with highrated Kurt Becker (6-6, 243) or soph Mark Warth (6-5, 241), who Schembechler says "had a heck of a spring"—or Powers, if healed.

Even if Paris shouldn't be ready, tackle is solid, with lettermen Tony Leoni (6-2, 246), Dan Kwiatkowski (6-5, 246) and last year's redshirt frosh, Ed Muransky (6-7, 280) and Chuck Rowland (6-4, 255). "It'll be tough to keep Muransky and Rowland out of there," Schembechler suggests.

Center is set with George Lilja (6-4, 247) moving up.

Schembechler believes the defense will carry Michigan until the offense gets together. "We've got eight of 11 starters back," he notes, from a unit that yielded only 88 points in 11 regular season games and an average of 215 yards.

All-Big 10 Curt Greer (T, 6-5, 236) and Dale Keitz (T, 6-1, 233) elected to take their extra seasons, assuring a powerful middle. Mike Trgovac (MG, 6-2, 227) had an impressive first year, despite injuries, and "gets better and better" Schembechler says.

They're backed by all-time tackle record-holder Ron Simpkins (6-1, 220), twice All-Big 10, and tenacious Andy Cannavino (6-1, 220). Simpkins, a jarring hitter with exceptional quickness, is one of the Big 10's foremost All-America candidates.

Schembechler rates Simpkins "as good as any line-backer we've had" and says Greer "may be the quickest lineman in my 11 years."

Both outside linebacking spots have been filled. Junior Ben Needham (6-4, 214), who Schembechler thinks is "going to be a heckuva end," moves up on one side and Mel Owens (6-2, 230) switches from inside to outside responsibilities. Owens, a "powerful player" who runs a 4.6 (40 yards), was a LB starter



EUGENE BYRD, Spartan split end, had 43 grabs for 718 yards last year.

DAN BASS, All-Big 10 linebacker, led Michigan State in tackles in 1978.

but missed last year's final 10 games with an injury.

Several freshmen can beef up linebacking reserves, notably All-America Winfred Carraway (6-3, 228) and all-stater Todd Triplett (6-3, 215).

The secondary is equally a Wolverine stronghold. All-Big 10 Mike Harden is back at safety, All-Big 10 Mike Jolley moves to the wide-side halfback and regular Mark Braman returns at short-side halfback.

Junior Stu Harris (6-3, 196) looked impressive at Wolf in the spring, although '78 starter Gene Bell might be back in the fall. Gerald Diggs is an experienced utility man and Schembechler is high on incoming frosh, Keith Bostic ("He could be a great safety") and John Lott.

Michigan claims the best record among colleges over the last decade in defense against scoring. Everything suggests more of the same. The '79 defense should be in the familiar mold: Not big, but quick, aggressive, swarming and stubborn.

One Wolverine problem unsolved during spring was kicking. But someone will develop.

The schedule does grant Schembechler one favor: Michigan opens at Northwestern a week before facing Notre Dame—and the Irish have no such shake-down cruise.

**MICHIGAN STATE (8-3, 7-1)**—Darryl Rogers hopes for at least a reasonable encore.

"We were the most prolific offense in Big 10 history," he points out. "I don't see how anybody's going to be better than we were last year, including us. You just don't come up and play another year like that."

Rogers' pro set attack averaged 523.1 yards and 40 points for Big 10 records and ranked third nationally with 481.3 and 37.4 figures in the same departments for all games.

More responsible than any other player was QB Ed Smith, who led the Big 10 in total offense and passing and finished fourth in the NCAA in total offense. He broke all MSU records in his four-year career.

"He made us the extra," attests Rogers, 43-year-old Californian who brought the Spartans from chaos back to a Big 10 power in three years—and despite NCAA probation that ended last January.

Another major factor in Michigan State's offense was All-America wide receiver Kirk Gibson, a phenomenal athlete who signed a bonus baseball contract with the Detroit Tigers the previous spring and jumped directly from the pro diamond back to the college gridiron.

Both have gone from East Lansing and the Spartans will not be as potent offensively. But the drop-off may be offset by improvement of the defense. "We should be a little better defensively," Rogers agrees, "because we had so many young kids last year that are now coming in with experience."

But the degree of offensive dropoff may not be as much as MSU rivals hope.

Smith's role falls to 6-4, 215-pound junior Bert Vaughn. He took over when Smith injured a hand early in last year's opener, but was sidelined for the season himself the next week with a shoulder separation. He thus isn't that experienced.

"We're going to go with Vaughn," Rogers said after spring practice. "He does have ability. He runs better than Smith; he's a bigger kid, stronger. But he's mostly a dropback passer."

That pinpoints another reason to expect continued fireworks from the Spartan: "We'll throw every bit as much, or more," promises Rogers. Last year, his QBs launched 340 aerials.

Even without Gibson, the receiving crops compares with the best in the league. TE Mark Brammer, powerful blocking 6-4, 233-pound All-Big 10 selection, caught 33 for 360 yards last year; Eugene Byrd, switching to Gibson's flanker spot, led with 43 for 718 yards and Samson Howard and Jimmy Williams, alternating at SE, reasserted their potential in spring scrimmages.

Rogers concedes a freshman might elbow his way into the QB job. He has four touted prospects coming in, most noteworthy All-America Jon English (6-3, 190). But Rogers doesn't think it's likely, "not if Vaughn keeps improving the way he did last spring."

The Spartans will also advance the ball in traditional Big 10 style—on the ground. They rushed for 2663 yards last year (498 carries) to 2631 by air and how's that for balance? The 5294 yards and 441 points, incidentally, were both school records.

All five top runners return. Steve Smith, Bruce Reeves and Derek Hughes shared TB with 772, 339 and 408 yards respectively. Smith, though playing only about a third of the time, led the Big 10 in all-purpose running. All had flashy spring performances.

Lonnie Middleton (275y) and Andy Schram (195y) will again be one-two at FB, both effective at what they're asked to do.

The middle of the offensive line is solid with three holdover regulars, Matt Foster (C, 6-3, 228), Mike Densmore (G, 6-3, 250) and Rod Strata (G, 6-4, 240).

Both tackles graduated, but the vacancies have been filled with probably the most imposing pair in





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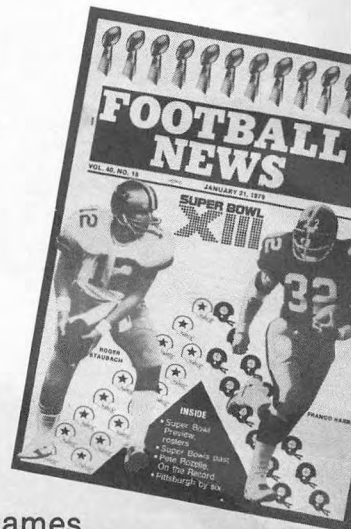
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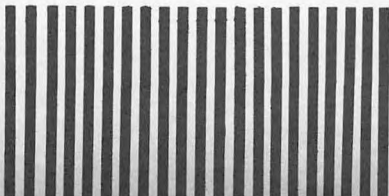
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the league: 6-6, 284 Angelo Fields, switching over after two years on defense, and 6-6, 270 Ted Grabenhorst. Regis McQuaide (6-6, 251) and Dave Whittle (6-5, 224) are also still in contention.

Maybe, as Rogers says, the '78 records are unreachable. But the Spartans will be a taxing afternoon for any defense they meet.

Defensively, MSU trailed only Michigan last year in the Big 10, although Notre Dame and Southern Cal kept it from being among leaders nationally.

The improvement Rogers mentioned is likely, with eight of 11 regulars back. Included are two second-team All-Big 10 picks who should be good bets for first team this fall. Dan Bass (LB, 6-1, 222) set what the school believes to be a record with 136 tackles last year. Rogers considers Mark Anderson (DB, 6-2, 189) not only one of the best in the conference, but in college football.

With Fields gone to offense, both tackles had to be replaced. Tanya Webb (6-7, 254), a former basketball player and JC transfer, "came on very strong at the end of last year," Rogers notes, and will start on the left side. Young but promising Ike Griffin (6-5, 230) and Pat Mitten (6-5, 221) are still in a contest at the right side.

Bernard Hay (MG, 6-3, 235) is solid at the spot between, while Larry Savage (6-3, 213) and John McCormick (6-2, 211) developed into first-rate outside linebackers.

Senior Mike Decker (6-2, 224) pairs with Bass in the middle, with strong backing in George Cooper and Steve Maidlow—plus a couple of freshman with high potential.

Mike Marshall and Jim Burroughs, improved regulars from '78, join Anderson in the secondary and Al Davis, Anderson's understudy, moves into the only open spot, strong safety.

The Spartans have no kicking worries. Ray Stachowicz averaged 43.1 yards per punt, good for second in the Big 10; Morten Andersen converted 52 of

54 EXP's and seven FG's, tops in the league, and Rich Schario usually kicks off into the end zone.

Looking back on a co-Big 10 championship year, Roger frets about one aspect. "We got through the season without an injury of any consequence to any major player," he points out. "We didn't lose a player." That's a lot of good fortune in a game like football.

And, for the first time in three years, Michigan State can appear on television and can go to a bowl game, if it has the chance. Rogers also had a full 30 scholarships to offer last winter.

As for the Rose Bowl incentive, he laughs, "We haven't heard about it for so long there's no use getting excited. It was sort of a nebulous thing we couldn't go to."

But it can't hurt morale.

**OHIO STATE (7-4-1, 6-2)**—Earle Bruce changed a few things when he assumed command in January, even though he'd been a Woody Hayes assistant for six years, a student assistant before that (a knee injury as a freshman ended his playing career) and is still a staunch Hayes disciple.

His early announcement that the forward pass had come to Ohio State delighted multitudes, but probably none more than sophomore QB Art Schlichter.

Schlichter is Bruce's primary asset in a rebuilding project more extensive than others of the "Big Four" faced. Only five offensive starters return—and he promptly switched one to defense—and six for the latter platoon.

The 6-3, 200-pound Schlichter threw 400-500 passes a day to get ready for his collegiate debut, but threw only 175 times in games. He became an amazingly effective option QB, however, setting a school total offense record with 590 yards rushing—scoring 13 TDs—and 1250 passing (87c).

Bruce admittedly would like to throw 25 passes a game and, judged by spring practice and Schlichter's



**DOUG DONLEY** led Ohio State receivers in 1978 as frosh with 24 grabs.

**ART SCHLICHTER**, Ohio State junior QB, should be throwing more in 1979.



**DAVE AHRENS**, Badgers DE, had 78 solo tackles, 76 assists in two seasons.

**MIKE KALASMIKI** leads Wisconsin offense, rang up 1319 yards last year.



performance, the ratio seems likely. The air was filled with footballs.

"He's going to be a great quarterback," Bruce decided, after 20 looks on the field and hours of film study. "He's got all the tools."

Schlichter did have one problem last year—21 interceptions.

OSU's receiving isn't all that proven, but is promising. Bruce rates FL Doug Donley (21r, 466y) a "super receiver," with longrange speed, and the squad's fastest, Ty Hicks, was switched from TB to get into the pass offense in spring drills. Soph Gary Williams was converted from defensive back and impressed Bruce.

TE Ron Barwig (6-8, 250) finally shook a series of injuries late last season and looks ready to become an All-America prospect. He has a serious challenge, however, from soph Jim Houston (6-3, 222), son of the former Cleveland Browns All-Pro.

"We've got some running backs, good ones," Bruce said, listing Cal Murray (414y), spectacular last fall until hurt, much-injured, but talented Ricky Johnson (317y), who was "the best of all last spring" and soph surprise Jim Gayle at TB; incumbent FB Paul Campbell (591y) and Ric Volley (439y).

Campbell, the Buckeyes' leading rusher, and Volley, all even after spring drills, will be challenged this fall by frosh Ray Myers (6-2, 230) and Tim Spencer (6-3, 190), both All-Ohio selections, while Ohio's high school "Player of the Year," Kelvin Lindsey will join the already loaded TB corps.

"We've got some fine, skilled people," assesses Bruce, "but a lot depends on how quickly the interior line jells, and how quickly the new people (frosh) can help."

Kenny Fritz (G, 6-3, 238) was All-Big 10 last year and should be as good as any in the conference; Tim Brown (T, 6-6, 270) could be a standout, if healed from knee surgery; Ernie Andria (G, 6-3, 246) was a part-time starter last year, and Tom Waugh (C, 6-1, 242) performed well in backup opportunities.

Bruce moved Keith Ferguson, second-team All-Big 10 tackle to defense, leaving backup Tim Burke (6-5, 252) and converted tight end Bill Jaco (6-5, 248) to battle for that assignment. Touted all-stater Joe Lukens (6-3, 235) and Michigan native Bill Thomas (6-6, 265) are expected to help, maybe contend for starting status.

Ohio State's offense scored a respectable 339 points and gained 4644 yards in '78, but the defense slipped from its usual place among national leaders in score prevention. The dozen foes boarded 216 points.

It's hard to see how it can improve in '79, considering the grads: LB Tom Cousineau was twice All-America and set a record for tackles—647—that won't soon be matched; Kelton Dansler (OLB) was All-Big 10, Byron Cato (T) second-team All-Big 10. The No. 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 tacklers are gone.

"Our defense improved last spring," Bruce noted. "We've just got to play good team defense this fall."

The strength is the secondary—"a great secondary with fine backs who can run" is the way Bruce sees it. Vince Skillings (S) and Mike Guess (HB) were All-Big 10 last year, Guess for the second time. Ray

Ellis (HB) and Todd Bell (CB) started last year. All had outstanding spring practices.

LB Al Washington (6-3, 233), last year's No. 2 tackler (146) as a sophomore, could become a stand-out, but the other backer position is still unsettled, with lettermen Tony Megaro (6-2, 238) and Tom Blinco (6-2, 238), back from knee surgery, competing.

Glenn Cobb (LB, 6-4, 212), Ohio's big school "Lineman of the Year," will be a serious contender from the start. He's from Schlichter's old high school—and as highly-rated at his position. Another rookie, Marcus Marek, state "Lineman of the Year" in his school division, is another possibility.

Senior Jim Laughlin (6-2, 214), a strong performer in backup chances, advances at one OLB and Ferguson (6-5, 232) takes over at the other. Though he never played the position, Ferguson made the switch easily and, with his size and speed, could become outstanding.

Luther Henson (6-2, 258) and Gary Dulin (6-4, 262) split time at one tackle and both will now become starters. Soph Mark Sullivan (5-9, 216), attending Ohio State on a wrestling scholarship and hence a football walk-on, staved off the challenge of letterman Tom Sawicki (6-0, 222) and frosh redshirt Jerome Foster (6-4, 240) in the spring at MG.

Other Buckeyes who could figure in the new alignment include QB Greg Castignola, a two-year backup who had a good spring, Scott Burris (G), Chuck Hunter (TE), Ron and Nick Miller (T's), Ben Lee (OLB), Bob Murphy and Brian Schwartz (DB's). Besides incoming freshman, Bruce has a dozen redshirts from '78.

Bruce also inherited "a great plus" in punter Tom Orosz, who ranked No. 2 in the nation last year with a 43.9 average. Back, too, are Vlade Janakievski (40 of 43 EXP's) and Bob Atha (six of eight FG's).

If he hand-picked it himself, Bruce couldn't have done much better on schedule. Buckeye opponents were 49-67-7 last year; only four of the 11 had winning records, Michigan State isn't until the eighth game (Columbus) and Michigan 11th (Ann Arbor)—and each will have played Purdue the week previous to OSU.

**WISCONSIN** (5-4-2, 3-4-2)—Regular QB Mike Kalasmiki didn't suit up for spring practice, sticking with the school books instead. Freshman John Jostens, whom he had replaced in the Badgers' third game last fall, handled the first-string chores.

He did it so well Dave McClain happily suggests there may be a battle brewing for No. 1 this fall.

"Jostens had a super spring," reports the Badgers' second-year coach. "He was throwing just super and he's got hellish speed as a runner. He's going to be a real top quarterback."

So, where he wasn't sure he had one QB at this stage last year, McClain now has two he rates highly. "We're solid there," he attests. It's also one of several reasons he's enthusiastic about Wisconsin's chances in '79.

"We're a much, much improved football team," said McClain, after spring drills. "Much better than what we even ended the season. There's no compar-



ison (with this same time last season). We're going to be young, but enthusiastic."

Wisconsin had some exaggerated ups and downs last season. It lost to biggies, Michigan, Michigan State and Ohio State on successive weeks by a combined 146-16, but it staged an incredible late rally to tie Purdue and destroyed traditional rival Minnesota in the finale.

McClain has six regulars from each platoon. Grads included the 1-3 rushers, the No. 1 receiver and the 1-2 tacklers, but the offense and defense return some outstanding individuals.

Kalasmiki (6-4, 210) is obviously one of them. He came from nowhere last fall to the starting job, finishing with 1378 yards on 107 completions and 12 TD's. Though primarily a passer, the big guy netted 169 yards rushing.

His favorite target this fall will be TE Ray Sydnor, who also was a complete surprise for the Badgers (27r, 329y). He was a basketball player reporting for football for the first time.

"He's an awesome receiver," says McClain. "He's 6-8 and he's up to 225 pounds and has still got his speed."

Other receivers will be SE Tom Stracka (6-4, 195), who lettered last season as a freshman, and WB Wayne Souza (6-2, 187), a starter and No. 3 catcher last year (24r, 323y).

Tom Stauss (5-11, 199), No. 2 rusher in '78 (485y), was switched to TB in the spring and his sophomore FB understudy, Dave Mohapp (5-11, 205), promoted. It's a smallish backfield, but with speed and potential. Soph Curtis Richardson had a fine spring and quick help is anticipated from frosh Chuckie Davis (6-2, 210), a running back who picked Wisconsin over USC, and FB Gerald Green (6-2, 220).

Ray Snell (T, 6-4, 230) and Jim Martine (G, 6-1, 231) are the holdovers in the offensive line, but Joe Rothbauer (C, 6-0, 226) is a letterman backup who moves into the first unit. Steve Namnik (T, 6-5, 230) who lettered as a freshman last fall and freshman redshirt Jeff Luko (G, 6-4, 230) hold the other line jobs going into fall practice.

Wisconsin ranked fifth in total defense in the Big 10 last year, but tied for eighth in points yielded.

A couple of backups and four redshirt freshmen will have to come through to keep the Badgers in the middle of the pack on defense—or to improve on the points-yielded column.

The unit is well-anchored by Dave Ahrens (E, 6-3, 216), Dave Schremp (T, 6-3, 251) and Dennis Christenson (LB, 6-1, 222). McClain goes all-out in praising Ahrens. "He had a super spring," the coach decided. "He's a great one, an All-America football player," Schremp, he adds, has come back 100% from knee surgery and should have an explosive year.

Christenson, third in tackles last year, will pair with '78 backup Dave Levenick (6-2, 208) on the inside and soph Guy Bolaiux (6-0, 205), who came on strong late in '78, will be the other OLB. Curt Blaszkowski (T, 6-3, 220) was a starter last year, but will be pushed by redshirt freshman Mark Shumate (6-4, 245), who could become a standout. Kasey Cabral

(MG, 6-3, 244) was the other line starter as of spring.

Ross Anderson is the only returnee in the secondary. Mickey Casey, senior letterman, will fill one of the spots, with the other two going to redshirt freshmen Vaughn Thomas and Dennis Messenger.

McCain likes the redshirt option for freshmen. "They've been around for a year . . . get to learn what's going on," he explains, "and still have four good years of football."

He does, however, count on help from incoming freshman this fall. "I think we had a real good recruiting year," he adds.

Kickers will be the same as last year, John Klitz punting and Steve Veith placekicking.

The Badgers will find out in a hurry how things are in the Big 10. They open at Purdue. Their 24-24 comeback tie at Madison last year eventually kept the Boilermakers from sharing the title. A little revenge motive might build up there.

**MINNESOTA** (5-6, 4-4)—It took Joe Salem 13 years to get back to his alma mater.

The 40-year-old Salem played reserve quarterback on the Gophers' 1960 Big 10 co-championship squad that did an unfamiliar thing in those days, but one now all too familiar: lost in the Rose Bowl.

He stayed on as assistant coach through '65, did tours of head coaching duty at South Dakota and Northern Arizona—producing championship teams at each—and rushed back to Minneapolis when the call came last December.

Salem, who succeeds Cal Stoll (his 39-37 record didn't quite get it with Gopher brass), is virtually a stranger to the league and Minnesota football, after all that time away. He's not sure how his '79 Gophers compare with other Big 10 teams.

"Offensively, I think we've got some good players," he suggests. "We're in pretty good shape there."

The reason is that the entire unit could return intact from last year. Greg Murtha (T, 6-6, 251), a fifth-year player said to be high in pro scouts' esteem, broke a foot and missed most of spring practice and FB Ken Kitzmann, a leading ground gainer for two years, was also injured. Murtha is expected back this fall, Kitzmann is doubtful.

Then, in the change of formations, soph Ray Dilulo and Jeff Thompson, who were slotback starters, join the FB's and letterman Jeff Anhorn became the flanker.

The obvious standout is All-Big 10 TB Marion Barber, a fast 6-3, 210-pounder who churned 1210 yards, a school record, and scored 10 TD's last fall, plus catching 22 passes. He was the only Big 10 back in the NCAA's top 20 rushers.

Minnesotans who have seen a few All-Americans believe Barber should be the next. "An outstanding runner," agrees Salem. "He's big, strong, fast and he can catch. I watched him in one scrimmage and said 'we won't scrimmage him any more, this spring or next fall.' He could hurt somebody, or get hurt."

Even if Kitzmann isn't available, Salem thinks "we're in good shape at fullback." Gary White (5-11, 197) played the position in spring drills, with



ELMER BAILEY, Gophers split end, caught 27 for 464 yards in 1978 season.

MARION BARBER rushed for 1210 yards last year to set Minnesota record.

Thompson and Dilulo backing up. Thompson may be the fastest Gopher. Roy Artis will back up Barber again this fall.

The question is at QB, where Mark Carlson and Wendell Avery have both started and 6-6, 216 Mark Tonn has seen considerable action. Carlson (64c, 736y), broke his thumb in the spring, but should be OK by fall.

"Avery is No. 1," said Salem, after last spring. "He got better all along." Avery (60c, 633y) and Carlson both showed minus yardage in rushing.

Elmer Bailey (27r, 464y) will be back at SE, 6-3, 231 Glenn Bourquin (19r, 279y) at TE and, assuming Murtha is ready, the line will read as it did at the close of '78: Marty Stein (T, 6-4, 247), Darrell Schwen (G, 6-4, 232) Steve Tobin (C, 6-4, 247), Pat Pacquette (G, 6-5, 259) and Murtha.

Ken Wypyscynski (6-5, 243) started at all three interior line spots at one time or another last year, but filled in for the ailing Pacquette in spring ball.

The Gopher defense is a considerably greater rebuilding assignment for Salem—and Minnesota was eighth in the Big 10 in total defense last year.

Steve Cunningham (E, 6-6, 241), Tom Murphy (E, 6-2, 218) and Alan Blashun (T, 6-5, 251) return up front, with Jack Johnson (LB, 6-1, 218), who missed spring practice after a knee operation, Don Meyer (LB, 6-2, 219), Ken Foxworth (CB) and Keith Edwards (FS) behind them.

Mike Peppe (SS), Dana Noel (CB), Jim Fahnhorst (LB) and John Hudak (MG) are lettermen who seemingly filled vacancies with spring showings; redshirt freshmen Mike Robb (SS), Glenn Cardelli (CB) and Paul Ibanz (LB) put in bids for playing time.

Salem may be the only coach in the country with 25 redshirt freshmen. None of last year's Gopher recruits played. Most of them are in backup roles. Salem brought in 23 of his own recruits, with Jeff Denny (6-2, 220), nose guard, and Ron Renzi (6-2, 210), linebacker, rated most likely to help early.

Also among the Gophers' returnees is Paul Rogind, who already holds the school record for field

goals (35) and is 54 of 55 in EXP's, including 53 straight.

**INDIANA** (4-7, 3-5)—Luck ran low, just when Lee Corso thought he had the Hoosiers ready to challenge the Big 10 biggies.

"We had two consecutive third place finishes (actually it was a tie for third and a fourth), things looked really good," the ebullient Corso says. "We had few injuries and we hung in there tough."

"But all of a sudden we got riddled by injuries. We did play well at the end of last year, when I got my players back."

Two of his top players, FB Tony D'Orazio and TE Dave Harangody, were lost before the '78 season and QB Scott Arnett came back with a summer basketball ankle injury that handicapped him all season.

D'Orazio (6-0, 210), a strong runner and sturdy blocker, and Harangody (6-4, 245), are back. "Both played very well last spring," Corso reports. Harangody, he believes, is "one of the best tight ends in the Big 10. Outstanding."

Their return boosts the Indiana offense, but it's not enough to seriously project another first division finish this fall. The manpower situation has been better.

"We cannot afford to have key injuries," Corso concepts with usual candor, "because we don't have enough depth to compete in the Big 10."

Indiana's offense is in much better shape than the defense, with seven holdover regulars to only three—plus D'Orazio and Harangody—from '77.

"I think we'll be able to move the ball pretty well," Corso suggests, based on several top-notch talents.

He ranks 6-4, 192 Mike Friede (17r, 412y) "the standout wide receiver in the Big 10; probably one of the premier athletes in the Big 10." Besides his pass catching, Friede gained attention last fall by averaging 64.7 yards on three quick kicks—and you don't see those much anymore!—against Ohio State.

TB Mike Hardrader led all rushers last year (880y) and, a year farther from his knee surgery, should be among the best in the league.

D'Orazio will share FB with 6-1, 204 Lonnie Johnson (412y), who handled most of the duties last season. That position is solid.

Tim Clifford (6-1, 200) didn't start a game last year, but played almost as much as Arnett. A junior, Clifford can run the option, but is more a drop-back passer (60c, 726y), which fits Corso's pro-set, pro-I offense.

Another competent receiver for Clifford is 11-game starter Mark Fishel (10r, 107y).

Gerald Achting (T, 6-5, 256) and Jeff Phipps (G, 6-2, 225) are "all-star linemen" by Corso's standards, although Phipps might be playing defense. Lucky Wallace (6-2, 238), part-time starter at guard, went to center in the spring.

Defense is Indiana's uncertainty. "We're going to be very, very young," Corso decides, "the greenest I've ever had."

He does have some solid rocks on which to build: Brent Tisdale (T, 6-4, 238), "an all-star candidate"; Terry Talon (LB, 6-0, 227) "has established himself



as outstanding," and Tim Wilbur (DB) "led the team in interceptions (6) as a freshman last fall."

Marlon Fleming (T, 6-2, 310), a top prospect in 1976-77, but out of school since, returned in the spring and "looked good." Which could help the defensive line reconstruction.

Mark Johnson (G, 6-3, 259), a steady offensive starter all last year, and Phipps might wind up on defense. They worked both last spring. That would mean finding two new offensive guards, but Corso operates on the same theory as other coaches in the Big 10: Shore up that defense first.

Other Hoosiers who have started at least a game in the past and probably figure somewhere this time include Randy Willhite (MG, 6-1, 227), Dave Stewart (E, 5-10, 222), Aaron Arbuckle (LB, 6-3, 220), Mel Patton (MG, 5-9, 216) and Chuck Alexander (DB).

Kevin Kellogg was redshirted last year to be ready to replace graduated leading scorer David Freud as the Hoosier placekicker and punter Larry Lovett (36.3 avg.) returns.

The early schedule is a bit kinder this fall. Last year's LSU, Washington and Nebraska have been replaced by Vanderbilt, Kentucky and Colorado. Michigan State goes off the schedule, too, but the newcomer may be even tougher—Michigan.

Corso may need all of his famous one-liners before November.

**IOWA** (2-9, 2-6)—Hayden Fry's 1968 SMU team threw 76 passes against Ohio State—still an NCAA record.

After a stopover at North Texas State, the same Hayden Fry has arrived in the Big 10, as successor to Bob Commings at Iowa. Will he throw 76 passes against Ohio State—or some other shocked league member—this fall?

"We're not bashful," he says in rich Texas tones. "If they want to give us something, we'll take it. We're prepared to throw that many passes. We'll be one of the most, if not THE most wide open ball club in the Big 10. That's the way I've always coached."

It's a little more than that. The Hawkeyes, he points out, "are hungry. Since 1961, they haven't won half their games. But I spent my whole career

going to sick places and making 'em healthy. The quickest way to do it is to throw the football. It doesn't take as many real top-flight players."

Fry is thinking quick rehabilitation for the Hawkeyes, too. He's recruited half a dozen junior college standouts in the skill areas—and frankly admits "we're still trying to recruit a couple of junior college linemen and another JC linebacker."

The No. 1 quarterback, as of the end of spring practice, may be a tipoff that things aren't going to be very ordinary in Hawkeye country.

The QB is Phil Suess, who, Fry explains, "is a redshirt junior who never played a down of varsity football. In fact, he's been a scout team defensive back. Built about like a pipe cleaner, lefthanded, stands about 6-4, 6-5, but he's the most pleasant surprise we've had. He completed over 60 per cent of his passes last spring—and we put the ball in the air quite a few times. I believe the youngster's a winner."

JC grad Tony Ricciardulli, who threw for 2130 yards last season, enrolled at Iowa at mid-year, but an injury kept him from doing much in spring practice. The 6-2, 195-pound California import is reputed to be a potentially outstanding passer, as is another JC transfer, Gordy Bohanan, who arrives this fall.

Fry also recruited two leading receivers from JC football, Nate Person and Keith Chappelle. "Keith led the nation in junior college ball last year," Fry reports. "He caught 72 passes."

Iowa's top '78 receiver, Brad Reid (SE, 15r, 322y), returns, as does 6-5, 240 Jim Swift (12r, 211y). "If Swift isn't among the top five tight ends in America, then we're not doing a very good job," Fry declares. "He makes a fantastic target."

Adds the new coach, "receiving is probably the strongest position on our ball club."

Fry employs a multiple wide-open offense—Iowa was a wing-T team previously—in which running is not primary. But the formation and the emphasis on passing helps make it effective.

"We spread people from sideline to sideline," he says. In that situation, he figures "we have a couple backs who could blossom." Trackman Dennis Mosley (292y), ended spring workouts with a slight edge at TB, but Kenny Burke (293y) and Phil Blatcher were still very much in contention.

In fact, Fry says, "We have a lot of positions not settled; a lot of question marks." That's due chiefly to "a complete new offensive and defensive philosophy" being installed.

Nine Hawk offensive regulars return from '78 and most of them will figure. The defense had to be rebuilt anyway, since only three starters were available.

Fry's more flamboyant offense doesn't mean he slight's defense. "We've always tried to start with real good defense and a kicking game," he attests. This unit is being converted from a 4-3 to a 5-2 and personnel is being re-evaluated.

John Harty (T, 6-6, 260) is one holdover assured of a job. "He could be awesome," Fry believes. Sophomore Todd Simonsen (LB) is another who has solidified his position. Mario Pace and Cedric Shaw (CB's) had outstanding springs and Jim Molini (E)

DENNIS MOSLEY, left, speedy tailback, and 6-5 JIM SWIFT, standout tight end, play key roles for Hawkeyes.



1975

OUR GAME BY  
GAME RECORD

WEEK 1	Texas Tech	-12	L
	Maryland	+4	L
	Kentucky	-12	W
	Tulane	+9½	W
WEEK 2	W. Virginia	+6	W
	Rice	+0	W
	Georgia	+0	W
	Nebraska	-20½	W
	Kansas	+11	W
	Oregon	+25	W
	Texas	-17	L
	Missouri	-6	W
	Oklahoma	-27½	L
	Florida	-6½	L
	*Detroit	+5	W
	*N. Orleans	+14	L
	*Philadelphia	-2½	L
WEEK 3	Georgia	+2	W
	Arkansas	-14	W
	Washington	+3	L
	Utah	+14	W
	W. Forest	+14	W
	*Detroit	+1	W
	*Kansas City	+1	L
WEEK 4	Air Force	+9	L
	Tex A&M	-18	L
	Penn.	+8	L
	Colorado	+28	W
	Wash. St.	+16½	W
	Stanford	-18	W
	Baylor	-2½	L
	*New England	+7½	L
	*Minnesota	-13	W
WEEK 5	Texas	+9	W
	Harvard	-18	L
	Iowa St.	+0	W
	*Detroit	-8½	W
	*Green Bay	+5	W
	*Minnesota	-7	W
WEEK 6	Florida	-24	W
	Iowa	+3	W
	Kansas	+1	W
	Oregon	+16½	L
	Stanford	-6	L
	Texas Tech	+11	W
	*Pittsburgh	-15½	W
	*Philadelphia	+7½	L
	*Denver	-11	L
WEEK 7	Notre Dame	+7½	W
	Alabama	-30	W
	Wisconsin	-6	L
	Penn. St.	-33	L
	Michigan	-38	W
	Navy	+14	W
	Virginia T.	+8	W
	Kansas	+0	L
	Utah	+17	W
	Oregon St.	+14	W
	*Washington	-8	W
	*Baltimore	+7	W
	*Philadelphia	+7	W
WEEK 8	Florida St.	+3	W
	Navy	+13½	L
	Syracuse	+7½	L
	Calif.	+8½	W
	Ohio St.	-44	L
	Kansas	-11	W
	Okl. St.	+19	L
	Air Force	-7	W
	Arizona St.	-20	W
	*Buffalo	-7½	L
	*Miami	-14	W
	*Detroit	+3	W
WEEK 9	Boston Col.	-18	W
	Minnesota	-6	W
	Stanford	+12	W
	N. Car.	-7½	L
	Miss. St.	+6½	W
	Nebraska	-23½	L
	*Miami	+25½	W
	*Detroit	-11½	W
	*Philadelphia	-9	W
WEEK 10	Maryland	-12	L
	Harvard	+11	W
	Georgia	-5	W
	Kansas	+5	W
	Princeton	+7	L
	So. Car.	-5½	W
	Arkansas	+15	W
	Missouri	+13	W
	*Philadelphia	+1½	W
	*Minnesota	-16½	L
WEEK 11	Nebraska	+5	L
	Illinois	-7½	W
	Oklahoma St.	-9	L
	Utah	+30	W
	*Phila.	+11	W
WEEK 12	Ariz. St.	-5	L
	Houston	+4	W
	*Detroit	+9½	L
	*Houston	+4	P
	*Pittsburgh	-13½	L
	*Baltimore	-6	W
WEEK 13	*Baltimore	-7	W
WEEK 14	NONE		

1976

OUR GAME BY  
GAME RECORD

WEEK 1	Oklahoma	-20½	W
	Michigan	-27	L
	Alabama	-13	W
	Texas A&M	-9	W
	Auburn	+7	L
	SMU	-5	W
	*Baltimore	-5	W
	*Detroit	-1	L
	*Minnesota	-7½	W
	*Wash.	-5	L
	*Houston	-14	W
WEEK 2	Georgia	-15	W
	Nebraska	-21	W
	Wash. St.	+13½	L
	*Phila.	+6½	W
	*Baltimore	+1	W
	*Minnesota	-7	P
WEEK 3	UCLA	-17	W
	Oklahoma	-27	L
	Maryland	-12	W
	Georgia T.	-7	L
	Army	+22	W
	Michigan	-26	W
	USC	-9½	W
	Miami Fla.	+12	L
	Alabama	-23	W
	Boston Col.	-10	W
	*Buffalo	-8	L
	*Miami	-16	P
	*Houston	+6	W
	*L.A.	-8	W
WEEK 4	Oregon	+6	L
	Kansas	-14	L
	Miami Fla.	+23	W
	*Baltimore	-18½	W
	*Houston	-7	L
WEEK 5	Indiana	-6	W
	Calif.	-24	L
	Rice	-3	P
	Princeton	+1	W
	Illinois	+4	L
	Georgia	-6½	L
	Boston Col.	-12	L
	Michigan	-24	W
	*Buffalo	-10	L
WEEK 6	Miss. St.	-3	W
	Pittsburgh	-12½	W
	Notre Dame	-26	W
	Nebraska	-26½	W
	Michigan	-32	L
	Wash.	+7	W
	*Detroit	+6	L
	*Denver	+2½	L
	*N. Orleans	+7½	L
WEEK 7	Miss.	-9	W
	Nebraska	-10½	L
	Wash.	-13	L
	Texas	-24	L
	Texas T.	-11	W
	*Baltimore	-13	W
WEEK 8	Michigan	-25	W
	Pittsburgh	-22	L
	Alabama	-8½	W
	Oregon St.	+20	L
	Tulane	+8	W
	*Denver	+8	L
WEEK 9	Michigan	-26	L
	USC	-12½	W
	Georgia	-1½	W
	UCLA	-30	W
	Mich. St.	-10½	W
	Navy	+10½	W
	Penn. St.	-10	W
	Texas T.	-26	L
	Tenn.	-2	W
	Oregon St.	+11	W
	Wyoming	+7	W
	Ohio St.	-18	W
	Kentucky	-12	W
WEEK 10	Alabama	+3½	W
	Mich. St.	-11½	L
	Georgia	-8	W
	Texas A&M	+3½	W
	USC	-20	L
	Colgate	+13	L
	Boston Col.	-7½	W
	Penn.	+1	L
	Tenn.	-1	W
	Okl. St.	-17½	W
	LSU	+1½	L
	Colo. St.	+10	L
	*Pittsburgh	-10	W
WEEK 11	Miss. St.	-3	W
	Texas A&M	-33	W
	Houston	+7	W
	Miami Fla.	+13½	W
	Colorado	-20½	L
	*Cleveland	-13½	W
	Ariz. St.	+7	W
	Georgia	-20	L
	USC	-8½	L
	Texas A&M	-6½	W
	*Oakland	-22	W
	*Pittsburgh	-2½	W
	*L.A. WEEK 13	-14	W
	*Pittsburgh	-27	W
	*L.A. WEEK 14	-6½	W
	*Green Bay	+4½	L
	*N. England	-16½	W

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GAME RECORD

WEEK 1	Nebraska	+6	W
	Oklahoma St.	+1	L
	Iowa St.	-3	L
	Tulane	+10	W
	Georgia	-9	L
	Texas Tech	-7	W
	*Houston	-7	W
	*Green Bay	+7	W
WEEK 2	Duke	-12	W
	Alabama	-13	L
	Kansas	-1	L
	Boston Col.	-13	W
	Illinois	+9	L
	N. Carolina	-3	W
	Georgia	+1	W
	Oregon State	+14	W
	*Miami	-3	W
WEEK 3	UCLA	-12	W
	Colorado	-19	W
	N. Carolina St.	-14	W
	Oklahoma St.	-13½	L
	Stanford	-13	L
	Tulane	+3	W
	Missouri	+3½	W
WEEK 4	Clemson	-22	W
	Harvard	+2	W
	Ohio State	-17	W
	LSU	-7	W
	Indiana	-8	W
	Minnesota	+0	L
	Tulane	+4	W
	Kansas	+6	L
	*Green Bay	+9	L
	*Miami	+6½	L
WEEK 5	Boston Col.	+8	W
	Michigan	-18	W
	Georgia	-6	W
	Ohio State	-17	W
	Texas	-1	W
WEEK 6	Kentucky	+2	W
	Michigan	+4	W
	Arkansas	-8	W
	Virginia	+10½	W
	Pittsburgh	-18½	L
	Michigan	-19	L
	Ohio State	-34	L
	Baylor	+12½	W
	*Houston	-21	W
	*Atlanta	+7½	W
WEEK 7	Florida	-5	L
	TCU	+16	L
	Texas	-7½	W
	California	+6	W
	Washington	+10	W
	Kentucky	-21	W
	Clemson	-15	W
	Harvard	+11	W
	Oregon State	+9	W
	*Houston	+7½	W
	*Denver	+1½	L
WEEK 8	Pittsburgh	-14	W
	Duke	-7	W
	Kentucky	-15	W
	Texas	-13	W
	UCLA	-20	L
	Ohio State	-21	W
	*San Diego	-3	L
WEEK 9	Notre Dame	-10	L
	Alabama	-24	W
	Pittsburgh	-24	W
	Kentucky	-6	W
	Nebraska	-18	W
	Arkansas	+1	W
	Iowa	+3	W
	*Houston	+14	W
	*Miami	+2½	W
WEEK 10	Minnesota	-8	L
	Washington	-7	W
	Missouri	-7	L
	Colorado St.	+13	W
	*Miami	+1	L
	*Denver	-8	L
WEEK 11	Pittsburgh	-4½	L
	*Houston	-7	W
WEEK 12	*Seattle	+21	W
	*Miami	+2	W
WEEK 13	*Miami	+4	-W
	*Seattle	+7	W
	*Washington	+4½	W
WEEK 14	*Tampa Bay	+10	W
	*Houston	+2½	L
WEEK 16	*Chicago	+5½	W
	*Dallas	-4	W
	*Buffalo	+3½	W
	*PRO GAMES		

1978

OUR GAME BY  
GAME RECORD

WEEK 1	
*Nebraska	+12 L
*Miami	-4 L
*Denver	+4 W
*Green B.	+9 W
WEEK 2	
Florida St.	-2 W
Tulane	+13 L
Missouri	+17 W
Illinois	-11 L
Okl.	-13 L
Texas T.	+20 W
Colorado	-20 L
Iowa St.	-21 L
*Denver	+1½ L
WEEK 3	
Colorado	-10 P
USC	-20 W
Colgate	-12 L
Baylor	-1 W
Arkansas	-27 W
Texas	-27 W
BYU	+6 W
*Denver	-6 W
*Baltimore	+17 W
WEEK 4	
Texas A&M	-14½ W
Michigan	+2 W
Holy Cross	+14 W
Texas T.	+3 W
Army	-7 L
Dartmouth	+5 W
WEEK 5	
Michigan	-7 W
Colorado	-27 W
Penn. St.	-14 W
Colgate	-6 L
Florida St.	-6 L
*Phila.	+3 W
*Wash.	+4½ W
WEEK 6	
Pittsburgh	-16 W
Tulane	+1 W
Okl. St.	-4 L
Colorado	-17 L
Florida	+6½ L
Penn. St.	-7 W
Arkansas	-30 W
*Wash.	-7 L
*Denver	-3½ L
WEEK 7	
Kentucky	-0 W
Texas A&M	-7 L
Maryland	-10 W
Holy Cross	+6 W
Nebraska	-26 W
Pittsburgh	+5 L
Florida	+23 W
Colo. St.	-3½ W
Wash.	-0 W
BYU	-6 L
Texas T.	-2½ W
*N.Y. Jets	+6½ W
*Oakland	-14 W
WEEK 8	
Georgia	-20 W
Mich. St.	-10 W
Missouri	-14½ W
Penn. St.	-27 W
Florida	-15 W
Texas	+3 W
Texas T.	-15 L
Minn.	-13½ W
*Green Bay	+3½ L
WEEK 9	
Maryland	-13 W
Penn. St.	-22 W
Colgate	-12 L
Illinois	+8 L
*N.Y. Jets	+10 L
WEEK 10	
Michigan	-23 W
Mich. St.	-27 W
Ohio St.	-18 W
Iowa St.	-12 W
Oregon St.	+8 W
*N. England	-10 L
WEEK 11	
Nebraska	+4 W
Mich. St.	-20 W
Florida	+4 W
Tenn.	+19 W
Colorado	-9 L
Texas T.	-13 L
Georgia T.	-17 W
Florida St.	-16 L
WEEK 12	
Michigan	-14 W
Mich. St.	-38 W
Texas	-24 W
N. Car. St.	-14 P
Air Force	+2 L
Colo. St.	-2 W
WEEK 13	
Texas	-13 L
Rutgers	-3 L
Indiana	+21 W
Minn.	-1 W
Wash.	-12 W
WEEK 14	
Tenn.	-16 W
LSU	-17 L
Houston	-24 W
*N.Y. Jets	-7 W
*Pittsburgh	+3 W
*Chicago	+5 L
WEEK 15	
*Pittsburgh	-11 W
*Seattle	+4 L
*Cinci.	+7 L



moved in at one end, while Brian Skradis and Bill Bradley battled at the other.

Iowa's defense last year gave up 291 points and 4001 yards—and 21 TD passes. Unless Fry can shore up that unit substantially, the offense will have to produce a lot of points (more than last year's 16 TD's.)

**ILLINOIS**—(1-8-2, 0-6-2). Gary Moeller embarks upon his third year at Champaign with confidence that the program is ready to pay dividends.

"We have some pretty good football players with experience," he contends. "And we're becoming more of a team, more together."

Eight of last year's regulars are scheduled back this fall on offense, seven on defense, including a linebacker corps that Moeller believes will substantially improve the Illini record in that department.

QB Rick Weiss (58c, 665y, 297 net rush) "can be a good one" in Moeller's opinion. The 6-1, 205 sophomore (he was an injury redshirt as a freshman in '77) is a strong runner (bench presses 325 pounds), completed well over .500 of his passes last year and should benefit from the year of experience.

FB Wayne Strader (389y), a powerful 6-3, 212, will also be back, challenged—judged by spring drills—by soph Calvin Thomas (5-11, 210).

The offensive improvement may well be at TB, where soph Joe Curtis, came on with a rush in spring practice to probably claim No. 1 status. Colorado transfer Mile Holmes and former twice all-stater Dave Perez, a sophomore, were in contention in the spring, but incoming are three freshman all-stars, W.J. Thomas, Dan Larson and Mitchell Brookins. All are considered likely to make bids for playing time.

The Illini may have more speed in the receiving corps this fall, with Greg Foster, switched from TB, and sophomore John Lopez at the wide spots. TE Mike Sherrod (6-6, 220) is a holdover regular.

Moeller likes the experience in the offensive line, where Tim Norman (T, 6-6, 267) is rated an All-Big 10 prospect. Mike Priebe (T, 6-4, 248), Bob McClure

(G, 6-1, 223), Mike Carrington (G, 6-2, 240) and Greg Boeke (C, 6-4, 230) had inside tracks on the other starting line spots as of spring practice.

Obviously, the offense can use help. The Illini were 10th in the conference in scoring with 62 points (103 for all games) and Weiss was the only player among the top 15 in offensive statistics (seventh in passing and total offense).

The situation was slightly better on defense. Illinois was seventh in total defense and defense against scoring.

One of the four grads was John Sullivan, a top Big 10 LB for three years, but Moeller feels he has a replacement of outstanding potential in soph Jack Squirek (6-4, 225) and another All-Big 10 candidate in senior Earnest Adams (6-3, 196). Third returnee is John Gillen (6-3, 212), last year's tackle leader (155).

Either Kelvin Adkins (6-4, 222) or senior Jerry Ramshaw (6-4, 211) will be at the other.

Dennis Flynn (T, 6-3, 218) will be one of the tackles, while Stanley Ralph (6-2, 233) made the switch from MG successfully in the spring to take the other. Dave Dwyer (6-2, 230) and sophomore Ken Durrell (6-3, 240) battled for the MG assignment in spring practice and will resume this fall.

Heading up the secondary is Bonji Bonner (FS), a 6-3, 210 sophomore who originally was a TE.

The freshman class, said to be a good one, also lists a few who may help on the defense.

The schedule-makers didn't do Illinois any favors, either. Last year, the Illini played Northwestern in the opener (0-0), but this time they're booked into Michigan State. Then, in midseason, there's Purdue, Michigan and Ohio State in a row.

It's going to be difficult for the Illini to improve much on their '78 record.

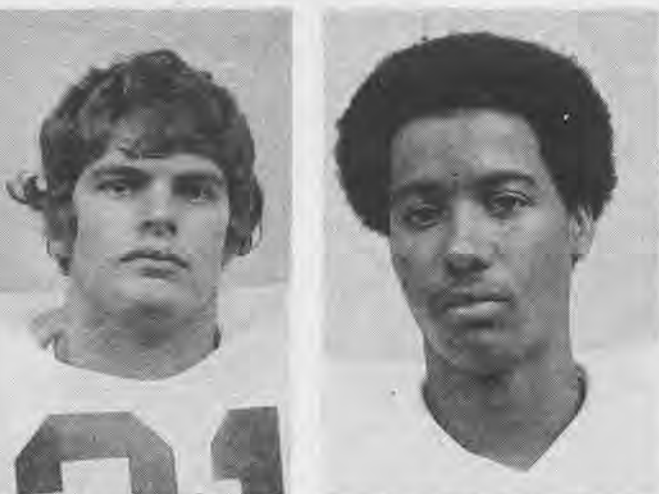
**NORTHWESTERN**—(0-10-1, 0-8-1). One less victory 11 less points scored and 103 more points yielded doesn't seem like progress. That's how the '78 Wildcats compared with '77.

But there's more to it. Northwestern is going with



**RICH WEISS** (17), left, junior Illini quarterback, gained 665 yards on passes and 297 on ground in 1978. **EARNEST ADAMS**, below is top linebacker for Illini.





CHUCK KERN, left, had 121 tackles in 1978 for Wildcats while teammate STEVE BOGEN caught six TDs as freshman.

youth, taking its lumps and hoping to build somewhere. It's a long, hard climb back, because the 'Cats have now been 10th in the Big 10 for the last three years and ninth the two years before that.

Last year the league's only private school hired 31-year-old Rick Venturi as head coach. He recruited 24 freshmen. Twenty-two played, as many as 19 made road trips, 16 won letters and by year's end seven were in the starting lineup and 15 in the two-deep.

Thus, Venturi has by far the largest collection of lettermen in the league, 53, plus 27 incoming freshmen he hopes will not only boost the talent level, but supply speed the Wildcats have lacked.

"I definitely feel we are now headed in the right direction," says Venturi, undaunted by first-year bombings (63-20 by Ohio State, 59-14 by Michigan and 52-3 by Michigan State).

Unfortunately, the direction for another year appears lateral, rather than up in the Big 10. Venturi still has the youngest team in the league.

The slingshot of Venturi's pass-minded offense last year, 6-3, 190 QB, Kevin Strasser, is back. He set school passing records (307 att., 151c, 1526y), ranked fourth in the Big 10 and accounted for seven of Northwestern's 12 touchdowns, four by air.

But the strong-armed Strasser is a senior and the interest Venturi showed in his sophomores last spring might indicate more of the "youth movement" at that position, too.

Jeff Christensen (6-4, 190) had an especially impressive spring, while the coach thought Chris Capstran (6-4, 212), Strasser's backup who didn't get in a game last year, "moved the first unit well" in the spring squad game.

The Wildcats' leading rusher, FB Mike Cammon (322y), and '77 TB starter Dave Michler head up the ground support troops, with backing from part-time starters Bob Schmitt (FB), Jo Jo Webb and Greg Washington (TB's).

Last year's leading receivers are back, with experienced backups, but the corps' big boost was the return of '77 regular and top catcher, Todd Sheets. He missed all last year, recovering from knee sur-

gery. Tom North (10r, 130y), who started at WB, is battling Sheets for first call, while Steve Bogan (22r, 353) is the WR and Clarke Prichard (6-6, 220), another of the sophs, moves up at TE.

John Schober (T, 6-5, 250) and Mike Fiedler (C, 6-3, 235) are the only line regulars available, but Venturi doesn't lack for replacements with game time.

The Wildcat defense, jolted by 440 enemy points and 5108 yards in '78, returns six regulars. Venturi was pleased with this unit's spring practice work. "The defense has to be better," he decided. "That's the key to our improvement in 1979."

Kevin Berg (E) and Scott Duncan (LB), starters in '77, reinforce the ranks, which include '78 regulars Brian Stasiewicz (NG), Dean Payne (OLB), Chuck Kern (LB), Tom McGlade (CAT), and Dave Hoffman (CB).

Northwestern not only struggle to compete in the Big 10 on the field, but at the gate as well. Attendance for the finale against Michigan State was 14,157.

## INDEPENDENTS

**NOTRE DAME (9-3)**—The last game of the regular season (Nov. 24) will find the Irish in Tokyo—to meet the University of Miami (Fla.).

"That might not be a bad place for me to set up residence about that time," said Dan Devine with a smile and a chuckle, an obvious drollery, but with a kernel of truth. Notre Dame fans are notoriously enthusiastic—and universal, but also, nearly in ratio, as intolerant of defeats.

There are some sobering facts to be faced.

An even dozen Irish starters ran out of eligibility with the Cotton Bowl heroics, including one of the greatest of the "Comeback Kids," QB Joe Montana; twice All-America LB Bob Golic, who set a tackle record (479); FB Jerome Heavens, who gained more yardage than George Gipp, and All-America Dave Huffman (C).

Notre Dame opens against what are projected as the three top teams in the Big 10—Michigan, Purdue (both on the road) and Michigan State. Later, it's Georgia Tech, Southern Cal, Navy, Tennessee and Clemson. Six of those were in bowls.

But Devine isn't looking up any real estate agents in Tokyo. He may not be home much before early January, but only because the Irish probably will be in a bowl themselves again—maybe the Cotton Bowl, and they'll win it a third time and get to keep it.

"If we could stay healthy," ventures the 54-year-old Devine, "we'd be a pretty good football team. But we're not deep, not deep at all."

You have to understand that "pretty good" is about as lavish as he gets.

At least three of the 10 returning regulars have All-America potential, there are 10 second-teamers from '78 on offense, seven on defense and half a dozen noteworthy lettermen from other years.

Devine, like many coaches, declines to speculate on incoming freshmen, but, at the conclusion of recruiting, he did confide that "when they rate how





**VAGAS FERUSON** needs only 648 yards to become Irish's all-time top rusher.

**DAVE WAYMER** switched from flanker to CB last season and made 51 stops.

schools did, I predict we're in the top three." He was right in most of the surveys.

The thorniest problem is replacing Montana. There's no heir apparent. More, Devine admits "nobody really established himself" in spring practice.

Going into this fall, Rusty Lisch (6-4, 210) is the most likely choice. "He's had the experience," Devine reasons, "and he's played well."

Lisch started the '77 season, but gave way to Montana. Devine seems to blame the receivers more than Lisch for the latter's troubles. Last year, Rusty spent his time "just kinda watching," says Devine. Hence the extra year of eligibility.

Juniors Tim Koegel, once Ohio's scholastic "Player of the Year"; Greg Knafelc and Mike Courey, who played some FL last year, are the other candidates. Devine doesn't believe a freshman will take over, but he has high-rated newcomers, including All-America Eddie Hornback and John Skronski (6-5, 210) who, Devine attests, "really has a rifle arm."

Otherwise, the offense is settled—and menacing.

TB Vagas Ferguson (6-1, 195) is Notre Dame's foremost All-America prospect. A slashing, punishing runner who can break for the distance, Ferguson already holds the school's season (1192y) and single game (255y—after a 219y game two weeks before) records and needs only 648y this fall to become the all-time rushing champion.

He's backed by Jim Stone (6-1, 194), a speedy, versatile player who split time between SE and TB last year. He's probably good enough to start, except for Ferguson.

Senior Dave Mitchell (6-0, 197), who Devine rates "a pretty good football player when he's healthy," and soph Pete Buhcanan (6-3, 225), the heralded high school All-America who backed up Heavens

last fall, are still settling the No. 1 fullback choice. Regardless, it's a strong 1-2 punch.

Among a half dozen freshman backs will be TB Phil Carter, ranked by one scouting service as No. 2 in the country.

Both Irish ends graduated, but will be replaced with quality. Dean Masztak (6-4, 220) earned starting TE with a strong freshman year (13r, 236y) and junior Dave Condeni (6-1, 175) moved up at SE.

However, incoming this fall is Tony Hunter (6-6, 220), an Ohio all-stater Devine thinks "has the potential to play split end right away. He's fast enough to play split end, but we could move him in to tight end in a two-tight end offense. This is the first time I've ever singled out a freshman, but Hunter is one who sorta stands out."

No. 2 receiver Pete Holohan (FL, 20r, 301y) will start for a second year. Also back are veteran TE's Kevin Hart and Nick Vehr.

The Irish always seem to have a supply of big, powerful and talented linemen. This year hews to tradition.

Rob Martinovich (T, 6-5, 260), Tim Foley (T, 6-5, 265) and Tim Huffman (G, 6-5, 265) were starters last year. Any one of them could be "all" material. Ted Horansky (G, 6-3, 250), a starter lost by injury in last year's opener, is back, healthy and will start.

Senior John Scully (6-4, 245) switched from tackle to center in the spring and proved he belonged.

The defense, which gave up 197 points last year, is less settled.

Jay Case (6-3, 240) goes back to tackle, after a year at end, and is All-America potential. Dave Waymer (6-3, 188) proved in his first year as a CB that he, too, has All-America potential.

John Hankerd (E, 6-4, 241), Bobby Leopold (LB, 6-2, 217) and Tom Gibbons (CB) are holdover regulars who should be improved. Soph Joe Gramke (6-4, 234) will take over at one end, with Hardy Rayam (6-5, 242) converting to tackle.

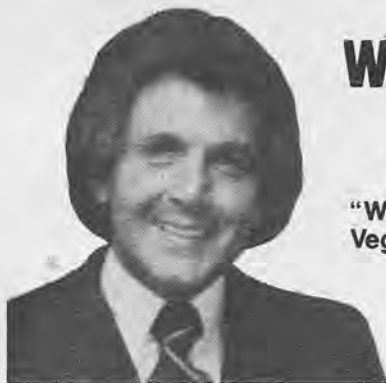
Senior Mike Whittington (6-2, 219), with plenty of experience, will join Leopold at LB and the other will be soph Bob Crable (6-3, 220), a former Ohio high school "Lineman of the Year" who proved in spring drills he's ready.

The secondary will be revamped, with Gibbons becoming the free safety and sophomores John Krimm and Steve Cichy moving in at cornerback and strong safety respectively. Junior Dick Boushka will also figure, along with being a punting candidate (he was pressed into service in the Cotton Bowl when Joe Restic was hurt).

Devine says Mark Czaja and Scott Zettek could be "two of the best defensive ends I've ever coached." But Zettek missed '78 with knee surgery and is a question because of an operation on the other late last spring. Czaja missed '78 and spring drills because of a wrist problem and may, or may not be available this fall.

"I still keep hoping," Devine says of the pair.

The Irish are rich in placekickers. Joe Unis, who provided the winning point (35-34) against Houston in the Cotton Bowl, after time had expired, had 12 of 12 in the regular season (3 of 8 FG's), Chuck Male went 14-for-14 in EXP's and 9-for-12 on FG tries.



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St. Louis over San Francisco	WON ✓
Oakland over Cincinnati	WON ✓
Los Angeles over Pittsburgh	WON ✓
Dallas over Green Bay	WON ✓

#### NOV 18

Green Bay over Denver	LOST ✓
Cincinnati over Pittsburgh	WON ✓
Houston over Miami	WON ✓
Dallas over Washington	WON ✓

#### NOV 25

San Diego over Kansas City	WON ✓
New Orleans over Atlanta	WON ✓
St. Louis over Philadelphia	LOST ✓
Pittsburgh over San Francisco	WON ✓

#### DEC 2

Houston over Pittsburgh	LOST ✓
Detroit over St. Louis	LOST ✓
New England over Dallas	LOST ✓
San Diego over Chicago	WON ✓

#### DEC 9

Chicago over Green Bay	WON ✓
Cleveland over NY Jets	WON ✓
Dallas over Philadelphia	WON ✓
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It should be another exciting and successful autumn on the South Bend campus. And Tokyo is for visiting, not hiding.

**CINCINNATI** (5-6)—“We should be stronger offensively and defensively,” says third-year coach Ralph Staub. The optimism is justified by return of 14 starters, seven on each platoon, from a team that won four of its last five '78 starts.

Mainspring of the offense is 195-pound TB Allen Harvin, whose 1283 yards (5.5 avg.) set a new school record, ranked him 13th among major college ball-carriers and No. 1 among all freshmen last year. He had seven 100-plus games, including the last five.

QB Tony Kapetanis (56c, 699y, 243 rush) is solid as offensive leader, WB Bob Massong looked outstanding at his new SE spot and Mike Schneider, transfer from Ohio State, moved in at FB. Mike Rogers (T), Ed Kloboves and Al Slusart (G's) are the line holdovers, but the big addition may be Kari Yli-Renko (T, 6-5, 260), rated a potential school best-ever.

The Bearcats believe Farley Bell (E, 6-4, 230) should be All-America timber on defense, after a standout year in '78 and a “super spring” (Staub says).

Another mainstay of defense is Mike Clark (CB), with proven support by other '78 regulars Karl Wood (LB), Dan Vete (E), Bob Prats (T), Steve Ries (SS) and Tim Schira (CB).

UC's schedule is beefing up, with Pittsburgh and North Carolina added this year.

**WAYNE STATE** (5-4)—Dick Lowry has given school record five straight winning seasons and sixth is likely, with 17 of 22 starters returning, eight offense, nine defense. Strength is offensive line, averaging 244, anchored by T's Mike Britt and Jeff Kovach. TB Randy Alexander (688y) is back, but QB to be filled. Soph Bob Przybysz may be bestbet. Standout LB Brian Van Gorder, squad's leading tackler, will be joined by regulars Scott Anson (LB), Keith Gilmore, Larry Lind (DE's), Mark Grabowski (T), Don Sarnacki (MG). With 41 lettermen, Lowry's overall depth is good.

**DAYTON** (9-2-1)—Gone are last recruited athletes from Division I days. Rick Carter has only three starters on offense, four on defense, so return to Division III playoffs looks like too high target. SE Al Laubenthal, Howard Overman (T), Gary Cooper (G) give line rebuilding start. RB Marvin Batts and FL Grady Pruitt may be standouts in first starting calls. Letterman Scott Terry likely QB. Ted Thomas, Tim Schoen, Bob Rumpke (DB's) give defense experienced strength deep, but only Joe Overbeck (E) and Mark Leucht (T) established up front. Graduation losses also include all-time kick recordholder, Hoppy Strecker.

**ILLINOIS STATE** (2-9)—Charlie Cowdrey counts on return of QB Butch Monaghan, out much of last year with injuries, to boost offense, which lists SE Jim Fitzpatrick (26r, 378y), FB Bill Fenn (681y), SLB Eric Tapley and standout John Bavester (G).

Soph Rolf Duvick (T), JC transfer Chris Bernish (G) expected to bolster line. Secondary, with regulars Bruce Kelsay, Tony Scott, is well-anchored, as is line with Tim Mayher (LB), Jim Lucas, John Sheriff (T's), Anthony Office, Mike Krahrl (E).

## MID AMERICAN

**CENTRAL MICHIGAN** (9-2, 8-1)—For one thing, Herb Deromedi is more settled in his job. He became the Chippewas' head coach a week before last season's fall practice.

He has six regulars returning on offense, six on defense, among them an All-MAC first-teamer, Robert Jackson (S), and three second-teamers, Willie Todd (FB), Brian Blank (SE) and Bill White (DT).

The Chippewas' strength appears to be the offensive backfield. QB Gary Hogenboom (6-4, 195) came on strong late in '78 (72c, 1095y), as did swift sophomore TB Reggie Mitchell (523y). Both are expected to pick up from there in '79.

If freshman star Todd (746y) shouldn't be available, Deromedi has reliable Will Young (524y) ready to step in. If both are in uniform, they become a super 1-2 FB punch.

Blank (19r, 384y), Swingback Mike Ball (16r, 331y) and TE A. D. Brown will supply the receiving, as they did last year, but Marty Smallbone (T, 6-3, 245) is the only line regular returning.

White (6-4, 230) heads up the defensive line that also lists returnees Chuck Stiver (T), Dave Maine (MG), with Jackson being joined deep by Steve Annese and Rick Waters. Carl Word (DHB) returns to defense, after a year on offense, and Randy Palminter (DHB) missed '78 with an injury.

**BALL STATE** (10-1, 8-0)—The sports axiom says “stick with the champion,” but the champion may have some adjustment problems on defense early in the season. That's all the more worrisome since the Cardinals open at Miami.

Dwight Wallace lost his three top ballcarriers and the school's all-time receiver, but the offense should again be strong (251 points last year). QB Dave Wilson (75c, 1037y, 194 rush) is back for a third straight year, backed by Mark O'Connell (27c, 404y), who started two games last fall when Wilson was hurt. It's the best 1-2 punch in the league.

TE Ray Hinton (17r, 417y), All-MAC, will again be one target, along with returning regular WB Tim Clary (26r, 362y). Rushing hopes are lettermen Ken Currin (253y), Roy Thomas and Mark Bornholdt.

Dave St. Clair (C), Mark Eddy (G) and Rick Bostater (T) are other holdover starters.

BSU led the nation in defense against scoring last year with a yield of only 7.5 yards a game and was also third in total defense. It's a record that will be hard to approach this fall.

Wallace has only five starters, All-MAC Rush Brown (T), second-team All-MAC Bill Pindas (ILB), Dennis Gunden (OLB), Brady Hoke (ILB) and Jon Hoke (Hawk). Five of Ball State's all-league grads were from the defensive unit.

**MIAMI** (8-2-1, 5-2)—It wasn't bad enough that Tom

Reed faced his second year without a quarterback who had thrown as much as one varsity pass.

But in spring practice, the most likely candidate for that key offensive assignment, Chuck Hauck, tore ligaments in his throwing hand and underwent surgery.

Hauck is still the most likely starter, if healthy, with John McIntosh, who showed running ability in spring ball, and soph Mark Kelly as chief challengers.

But it's not all bad news. Reed has 13 starters from a team that won its last seven games. Foremost asset is a wealth of running talent: All-MAC HB Mark Hunter (1046y, 11 TD), FB Greg Jones (718y) and FB Kaiser Holman, No. 2 rusher in '77, out last year because of knee injury. Soph Paul Drennan also had a good spring.

Matt Mazur (T, 6-4, 236), Andy Botting (G, 6-2, 228) and Dave Crowder (G, 6-2, 245) give the offensive line a solid anchor and Mark Mattison and Don Treadwell are leading prospects at wide receiver.

Return of All-MAC Kirk Springs makes the secondary a Miami defensive strength. Joe Pequignot, Alvin Hall and Rick Ryde are also back. No. 3 tackler Kent McCormick, Joe Wolf, John Lyons (LB's), Rocky Henthorne, John Anderson (T's) and John McCafferty (MC) figure to keep the defensive unit strong.

The Redskins' schedule is no help, calling for Ball State, Kentucky, Michigan State and Central Michigan in the first four weeks.

**WESTERN MICHIGAN**—(7-4, 5-4). Elliott Uzelac lost the nation's No. 10 rusher, Jerome Persell, but he heads into '79 with eight starters on offense and a like number on defense. All of which could add up to some improvement by the Broncos.

Uzelac has two top-grade TB replacements in prep All-America Wayne Robinson and redshirt freshman Larry Casper. Another standout in the rushing game is FB Bob Howard (782y), a second-team All-MAC.

QB Albert Little (61c, 828y) will again be at the controls, with SE Tim Clysdale (18r, 213y), WB Craig Frazier and TE Tom Henry as main passing targets. The interior line will be headed up by Bud Sitko (T).

The WMU defense was 14th nationally and has a chance to be better this fall.

First team All-MAC Eric Manns (LB) is the anchor. He set a school record of 186 tackles and ran an intercepted pass for an 80-yard TD. His LB partner, John Schuster, had 149 stops.

Standout of the line is Matt Murphy (T), second-team All-MAC, while Pat Humes (CB) is a steady veteran in the secondary.

Frazier is a speedster, but Uzelac could use more speed overall.

**BOWLING GREEN** (4-7, 3-5)—If Denny Stolz could solidify the defense, BG would be one of the MAC favorites. Last year, it led the league in offense with a 394.8-yard average, but just managed to outscore the enemy 227-267.

This year looks like more of the same, with All-

MAC Mike Wright at QB and eight other offensive starters returning to only six on defense.

Wright, a 6-3, 185 speedster, ranked seventh in the NCAA in total offense (134c, 1852y, 14 TD, 530y rush) and was second in TD's responsible for with 24.

Receivers are available in FL Dan Shetler (28r, 433y), SE Willie Matthews (35r, 398y), out last year with a knee injury, and TE John Parks (14r, 145y).

Rushing is solid, too, in TB's Doug Wiener (451y) and Dave Cassel (295y) and FB Dave Windatt (608y), with Kevin Folkes, sidelined last year, adding speed.

The line is nearly intact with Bob Harris (T, 6-6, 260), Mark Rullo, Dean Hull (G's) and Mark Prchlik (T, but may be switched to C).

Now about that defense, ninth in the MAC and last against the rush.

LB Mike Callesen has been a leading tackler for two years and will key the unit, with John Fitzpatrick as his backing partner, Todd Gates (T), Tim Ross (E), Jac Tomasello (CB), Steve Raabe (CB) and Joe Merritt (S) as most experienced helpers.

John Spengler is BG asset as a placekicker (34 straight EXPT's).

If the defense jells, the Falcons could be soaring toward the top.

**NORTHERN ILLINOIS** (5-6, 2-4)—Graduation skimmed off three of Pat Culpepper's brightest stars, but it could have been worse.

TB Allen Ross (1033y) is back as a starting point for the offensive rebuilding. He's been over 1000 yards for two straight years and may be called for more work this time, especially if southpaw John Gibbons is the QB.

Gibbons averaged 7.9 yards rushing in limited chances last fall as backup QB, suggesting the slot-I formation might go strongly to the ground (graduated Pete Kraker threw 283 times in '78).

The offensive line anchors around All-MAC Randy Clark (C), with regulars Dan Rosada (T) and Paul Hudetz (G) also returning. Jim Hanula will continue the dual role of TE and punter (40.1y average). He was All-MAC in the latter specialty.

Culpepper's defense, under heavier burden while the offense retools, should be solid, if Frank Lewandoski (LB), 1977 All-MAC, is healthy. The 6-2, 225 senior was the Huskies' No. 1 tackler last season, though injury-plagued.

No. 2 tackler Mike Terna (LB) also returns, along with starters Jim Latanski (E), Dean Schultz (MG), Tom Cahill (T) and Dave Petway (SS).

Six JC transfers may help.

**OHIO U.** (3-8, 3-5)—New Coach Brian Burke has 17 regulars as the basis for rebuilding Bobcat fortunes, plus what is considered a good freshman class incoming.

Burke, who served for five years under Arkansas' Lou Holtz, wants to use a wide-open offense, provided his current talent can handle it. OU scored only 120 points last year—and placekicker Steve Green accounted for 32 of those on 11 EXP's and seven field goals.



FB Kevin Babcock (861y) and Steve Milano (T, 6-1, 240) were All-MAC last year; TE Mark Geisler (6-4, 210) and Don Puthoff (C, 6-3, 230) were second-team All-MAC. They obviously are a solid foundation to build on.

Also returning are QB Mike Scimeca (40c, 483y), Ray Bloch (T, 6-6, 230), Terry Cooper (G) and Randy Perkins (SE), all holdover regulars. Todd Yoho (RB), hurt part of last year as a freshman (206y) figures to join Babcock in the backfield. The latter is fourth on OU's all-time rushing list (1927y) and Geisler is within eight catches of all-time fifth (67r, 733y) in receiving.

Altogether, Burk has eight '78 regulars, but defense is stronger, with nine starters, including second-team All-MAC Jim Givens (S) and Steve Groves (T, 6-3, 225), who Bobcat followers feel should get All-America consideration.

Bill Simpson (E), Neil Seymour (E's), Henry Jon-tony (T), Jeff Bramley (MG), Tedd Lucas (LB), Vince Short (DB) and Mark Green (S) are the other '78 regulars. Joe Callan (DB), a starter in '77, also rejoins the squad.

Ohio U. has another standout kicker in Green, who averaged 40.2 as a punter, in addition to his placekicking.

**KENT STATE** (4-7, 2-6)—Ron Blackledge has 19 players who have started games, but the All-MAC selections are gone—only school in the conference that doesn't return at least one all-star.

Tom Delaney, starter in eight games as a freshman, will quarterback the veer for Blackledge, with Dave Bouldin (318y) at HB and J.C. Stafford (415y) at FB. Delaney 25c, 400y) was also the Flashes' top rusher (440y) last fall.

Hoped-for big boost for the offense would be the return of swift two-year HB starter Mike McQueen, coming off knee surgery.

WR's Mike Moore (13r, 250y) and Rich Butera are back, as are Jeff Hrenya (C, 6-3, 242), Kurt Pakan, Marvin Hall, Kevin Kuhar and Dalvin Horton (G's). One of the latter and Hrenya may switch to fill the wide-open tackles.

Another KState asset is kicker Lou Caracci, leading scorer with 15 of 18 EXP's, 7 of 15 FG's, plus booming kickoffs.

Blackledge's main concern is defense, hit hard by graduation. The strength is up the middle: No. 2 tackler (182) Bob Wallace, Bill Dudash (T's); three-year starter Ben Batton and versatile Mitch Collins (LB's), Jeff Sisterhen, Mickey Mund (S's).

Three-year starter Dave Badzik (E) and Sam Sopp (DB), who came on strong as a frosh late last year, are the other holdover regulars.

**EASTERN MICHIGAN** (3-7, 1-5)—Mike Stock's second year starts with more optimism, if not prospects, for an upgraded record. He has eight holdover regulars on offense, five on defense.

Also, he has enrolled 26 freshmen, including some counted on for immediate assistance. Last year, he got the head job late and signed only eight frosh.

FB Doug Crisan (485y), 6-2, 224-pounder, could be a real standout. HB Albert Williams (310y) is

also a returning starter, to be backed by Willie Jackson and Tom Wing, '77 backups who missed last season with injuries.

Scott Davis (34c, 450y) takes over QB full time, with both top receivers, SE Tom Parm (21r, 363y), and TE Greg David (16r, 330y), available. Also returning are starters Mike Williams (T), Percy Stamps (G) and Mike Crowell (C).

Boost for the Hurons' defense is Kevin Wilkinson (T, 6-4, 250), second-team All-MAC, out last year with injuries. Also back after injury years are Larry Tiller (LB) and Terry Thames (S), both '77 starters.

James "Buster" Johnson (DB), second-team All-MAC, should be a standout, if his knee has mended. Stock's other regulars returning are Jim Beining (T), Ray Welch, Don Ishmael (LB's) and Brian Cotton (S).

**TOLEDO** (2-9, 2-7)—Chuck Stobart will still have the league's youngest team, but with considerable experience. Eleven of the 19 sophomores started games at one time or another, five others lettered. All eight lettermen in the interior line corps are sophs.

The backfield is set, with Mike Alston (460y) at TB, Skip McCulley (386y) at FB, Bob Mitchell (15r, 202y) at WB and Maurice Hall (39c, 610y, 359y rush) at QB. However, the 5-9, 165 Hall is being challenged by two bigger transfers, Mark Maples and Dan Sheehan.

Willis Bell and Scott Alexander are proven backups at TB.

Back in the offense are WR's Butch Hunyadi (19r, 494y) and Brett Milkie, alternate starters, and TE Terry Walsh, while the line is intact with Chris Hohenberger (C), Eric Mabbott, Brent Reed (T's) and Paul Appiarius, Dave Menefee and Steve Larini (G's).

Stobart returns six regulars on defense, including the 1-2 tacklers—always a favorable starting point. Doug Williams and Ed Jefferson (LB's) logged 190 and 149 stops respectively.

Mike Grayson and Lloyd Lundy (T's) anchor the line rebuilding, with Mike Kennedy and Paul Long representing experience in the secondary.

Incoming freshmen will be counted on for depth, if not starting help.

## MID CONTINENT

**EASTERN ILLINOIS** (12-2, 3-2)—Dale Mudra coaches from press box and NCAA II champs should go on making big news. Twenty of 22 starters return, featuring QB Steve Turk (160c, 2423y, 25 TD), second nationally in total offense; HB Poke Cobb (1330y, 16 TD), SE Jim Warring (59r, 980y, 14 TD), all school record-setters, FB's Jeff Forster and Lonnie Denton, behind intact line anchored by pro prospect Jack Lafferty (C, 6-4, 240). Transfer Clinton Davenport (G, 6-4, 245) may edge into lineup, allowing Tony Scala to return to TE. Others starters, Bob Norris, Dave Miner (T's), Kurt Aloisio (G), Rob Mehalic (TE). Offense set 25 school records in '78. Nine regulars from strong defense available, led by Pete Catan (E), top tackler Alonzo Lee (LB), Randy Malvin (T), Rich Brown and Glenn Thomas (CB's),



**POKE COBB** earned second team All-America honors by rolling up 1130 yards and 16 TDs in '78 for Eastern Illinois.

National Championship game standout Kevin Jones (FS). Transfer Bob Baughman expected to beef up LB corps. Mudra has 18 JC grads enrolling, plus freshmen.

**YOUNGSTOWN STATE** (10-2, 5-0)—Bill Narduzzi, 17-5 for two years, says, "We're going to continue to be winners" and it's no idle boast. Back are 13 starters, topped by mainspring of offense that set school record of 402 points: QB Keith Snoddy (86c, 1332y, 14 TD's, 463y rush), WR Jim Ferranti (42r, 857y, 10 TD's), TB Robby Robson (800y) and kicker Chuck Haynali (90 of 84 EXP, 24 FG in 3 years). Line will have to be rebuilt around lone starter Jeff Iear (T, 6-4, 280). Solid anchor of defense is intact secondary which grabbed 27 enemy passes in '78 led by Kevin Statzer (S), plus all-league Terry Dittmer (MG) and Tom Harder (E, 29 sacks). Sophs Joe Scharfner (LB), Bob Hill (T) could be mainstays in defensive realignment.

**AKRON** (6-5, 4-1)—"For the first time in my seven-year tenure, we'll have a starter returning at every position," says Jim Dennison, accounting for optimism among Zips. QB Bob Maxwell (60c, 789y) starts first full season, with help from HB Paul Winters (806y), WR's James White (25r, 312 y) and Pat Snow. Veteran line led by Juan Pope (C), Ed Szabo (G), Don Schultz and Mike Voight (T's). Dennison figures on defensive upgrading, with 1-2-3 tacklers Brad Reese (LB), Rick Holman (HB) and Dennis McGlone (LB) returning. Also back are Jim Twase (MG), Scott Miller (T) and Jim Valencheck (CB).

**NORTHERN MICHIGAN** (5-4-1, 1-2-1)—Bill Rademacher is counting on an "overall stronger defense" for improvement—which may be unlikely. Six of 10 holdover starters fortify this unit: Jim Marana (LB), Mark Zabroske (MG), Tim Strauss (E), Rod Crase (T), Ken Ames and John Gustafson (DB's). NMU will depend heavily on pass, with QB Todd Krueger (141c, 203ly, 12 TD's), WR's Pat Roche (27r, 39ly), Scott Sible (11r, 246y) and Greg McClain returning. Runners will be George Works (364y), Joe Fiorini

(340y) and Mike Dellangelo. Rademacher must rebuild line around regulars Bryan Burgess and Mike Kowalko (T's).

**WESTERN ILLINOIS** (3-6-1, 1-3-1)—New Coach Pete Rodriguez has chance to move up, because QB Kevin Conolty (65c, 865y) returns, with four of five top receivers, led by TE Mike Maher, and top two rushers, Jerry Bey (874y) and Dace Richardson (685y). Don Greco, Bob Logan (G's), Alex Tsakiris, Tom Petrelli (alternate C's) form a line nucleus. Regulars Phil Warner (E), Brian Spotts, Scott Soebbing (LB's), Reggie Johnson and Steve Carpenter (DB's) provide defensive framework. Offense, last in league in points, obviously must develop more firepower.

**NORTHERN IOWA** (2-9, 0-4)—Major rebuilding may make Stan Sheriff's 20th season no better than 19th. Top assets include RB Kelly Ellis (742y), WR's Ron Hadley (25r, 358y) and Mark Hendrickson (18r, 296y). Paul Christensen (T) is only experienced lineman. Little-used Dana Deines, or Steve Sandon likely at QB. Defense, which needs stiffening, lists No. 2-3 tacklers, Ed Arnold (LB) and Kevin Coughlin (SS), with good support from Rod Tegeler (E), Dave Ramthum, Owen Dockter (T's) and Rick Squires (MG).

#### OHIO CONFERENCE (Blue Division)

**BALDWIN-WALLACE** (11-0-1, 5-0)—With only four starters on offense, three on defense from OC and NCAA III champs, Coach of Year Lee Tressell figures Jackets may start slowly, but "be a good ball club. We have some good people coming back." Regulars are Matt Degyansky (WB), Dave Ward (WR), Bill Nees, Mike Kelly (G's), plus '77 regular Danny Craine (WR). QB will be Fred Martin, Tom Kelsey, both of whom have started games, or Brett Albright. Bob Wijek (416y) heads up revamped rushing corps. Defense, No. 1 in OC last year, returns Mike Hoon, Ray Hradek (LB's), Fred Buchanan (E), but Bob Rudlosky (OLB), Chris Zito, Florenzo Johnson (T's) have experience.

**MOUNT UNION** (4-4-1, 2-3)—Ken Wable's offensive unit has explosive air arm in QB Joe Toth (65c, 952), WR's Paul Gulling (46r, 649y), Mike Palla and John Frisbee and strong rushing corps of Claude Charlillo, Tom Froelich and Paul Murphy. Line rebuilds around T's Baryl Hastings, Dan Reisinger. Defense, 12th in OC, may be improved with experienced hands like Wally Hartory, Ward Smith (LB's), Jeff Treece, Eric Yonkee (T's) and Mike Goehler, Mike Colant (DB's).

**DENISON** (4-4-1, 3-2)—Keith Piper revived old single wing offense last year, jumped from 0-8-1. It'll stay. "I'm excited about the offense," says Piper, because Clay Sampson, top OC gainer (868y rush, 52c, 79ly pass) is ideal TB. Also back: WB Ken Winn (20r, 338y), QB John Parsons, FB Tracy DeWitt, TE Jeff Snyder, Mark Karchon (C), Dave Jupp (T), Steve Lipster (T). Defense rebuilds around Bob



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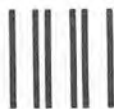
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Clamp (E), Mike LeMaster (LB), Randy Pinkowski (T), Bob Hayman, Wilbert Neal (DB's). Continued defensive improvement needed.

**OHIO WESLEYAN** (3-5-1, 2-3)—Jack Fouts' 16th year outlook is brighter with established QB, Jim Miller (47c, 591y), TE Bob Walick (26r) and WR's Nick Turk, Charley Ligman returning, plus top rushers FB Joe Sylvester (461y) and Greg Bollenbachler (444y). Line lists Rudy Reho (C), Bob Berquist (G), Chris Bacquet (T). Defense set up front with Nick DelRaso, Ken Rathjen (T's), Jack Corbin (MG), Scott Smith (E), but Tony Martinez and Jeff Barhoff (DB's) only other returnees.

**OHIO NORTHERN** (5-4, 3-2)—Wally Hood's passing attack is solid with QB Scott Ingram (47c, 558y), WR's Rob Coll, Jeff Jinkins, Steve Barney and TE Jeff Carr. But Richard McGarry (575y) is lone experienced running back and only Jim Augsburg (C) and Don Rasmussen (T) return up front. Defense, 4th in OC, set at LB with Jim Schnarre, Cliff Kramer and Mike Fichera supported by CB's JACK Diamond and John Wills. Jeff Bok (E) only front-four holdover however.

**HEIDELBERG** (0-9)—OC's top returning passer, QB Dean Supan (97c, 1162y), and WR's Bryan Regan and Hank Ohmneis give John Spezzaferro solid start on offense, but FB Scott Roddy is only experienced back and line must be rebuilt around Scott Roddy (C), Dennis Dunham, Duane Ziolkowski (T's). Andy Gase, Craig Baum (LB's), Mike Walker, Jim Getz, Pete Stamatis (DB's), Nick Christopher (T) and Tim Binkowski (E) return from defensive unit 13th in OC last year.

#### (Red Division)

**WITTENBERG** (10-1-1, 5-0)—Dave Maurer concedes offense "has good balance," with QB Chuck Delaney (31c, 648y, 8 TD, 392y rush), receivers Maso Moon, Cliff Davis, Dave Frazier returning. Well-prepped understudies Tracy King and George Buckley expected to supply first-rate rushing, behind veteran line spearheaded by Mark Short (C), Scott Benson, Jim Gray (T's), Wade LaForce, Toney Ramsey (G's). Graduation dug deep in defense, but Maurer rates it solid, with strong anchors Jeff Manchester (E), All-OC Joe McGovern (T) and Scott Gray (MG) joined by Tim Crowe (T) and Sam Baker (MG), out last year with injuries Kale Bradford (LB), John Saxton, Roger Brown, Chris Fields (DB's) behind line.

**WOOSTER** (6-3, 3-2)—Tom Hollman's offense, No. 3 on OC, may be stronger, with veterans topped by QB Tim Raffel (46c, 602 y), TB Rich Leone (633y, 2nd among returning OC backs), WR Chris Romano (26r, 335y), Blake Moore (C, Little All-America candidate). Also back, TB George Anderson (475y), FB Mike Riffle, TE Vince Cellini, WR Tim Jackson. Defense, No. 2 in OC, needs rebuilding around strong LB corps of Oney Fitzpatrick, Joe Neroni, Matt Call. Jeff Orwick (E), Rick Kolencik, Dale

Fortner (DB's) only other starters available.

**CAPITAL** (6-3, 3-2)—Strong '78 finish prompts Gene Slaughter to expect "to be a contender." Three-year QB starter Chad Raymond (27c, 395y) returns, with 1-2 receivers Kevin Rodenberg, Jim Hall; FB's John Barr, Dave Cotner and TB Roosevelt Williams. Steve Wigton (C, "may be the best I ever had"), Russ Reynolds (G) anchor rebuilding line. Defense has solid start in John Miller (LB), Ken Hoecker (E), Mike Lancaster (T), with Tim Hall (E), Steve Stocker (T), Jim Ferris, Dave Fleischman (DB's) top help.

**OTTERBEIN** (2-6-1, 1-4)—Rich Seils' headliner is FB-TB Wayne Cumberlander (5-10, 210), with 2108y in three years as regular and all school rushing records in sight. Alternate QB's John Toeller and Joe Krumpak return, but redshirt frosh Scott Gasser could move in. Doug McCombs, Tom Dolder (G's), Keith Click, Brian Warning (T's) solidify up front. LB's Randy Weinstein and Greg Cobb lead seven regulars on defense, with Ric Lainhart (E) and Dave Vulgamore (FS) other top talents.

**MARIETTA** (5-4, 2-3)—Graduation hit Joe McDaniel's squad hard. Tom Havranek and Jack Baer will share QB again, WR's Tim Sell and Danny Volenbach and Bill Debo (T) anchor rebuilding, but frosh will have to supply running. Defense, 5th in OC, returns Chuck Howard, Gary Lovett and Bob Jones (DB's), Gregg Black (LB) and Ron Durst (MG), but other positions question marks. Injured ('78) Tony Linville may help.

**MUSKINGUM** (3-5-1, 1-4)—Al Christopher must count on defense to offset green offense. Up front lists vets Dan Radalia, Larry Grimes (T's), Joe Witucki, Jeff Lab (E's), with Andy Frye (LB), Ken Broz, John Miller and Mark Dugan helping deep. QB Mark Dickerhoof (66c, 936y) has top receivers, Jeff Reichelderfer, Chris Bova and Okie Martin. FB Byron Jameson and TB John Bell must improve if ground game is factor. Steve Carter (T) lone line returnee.

**KENYON** (3-6)—Usually offense-minded Lords more solid on defense for Tom McHugh's second year, with 10 holdover starters, topped by Mike Svihra (MG), John Washko, Doug Beach (LB's) and Pete White (DB). Top receiver Jim Steuber (31r) returns from OC's No. 1 pass attack, but QB will be new, either John Coffey or Dave Gingery. FB Jim Mazzella and TB Phil Dilts give hope of better ground attack, but only Ron Anderson (T) back in line.

**OBERLIN** (0-9)—Don Hunsinger has potent air threat in QB Gregg Heiden (81c, 1003y) and SE Rollie Schick (48r, 621y), plus '77 WB David Cola. Rich Aroney, Steve Miller and Lorrell Remson may add better rushing. LB's John Brousseau, Mike Spotts (LB's), Greg Duckett (E), Mark Williams (T), Todd Portune, Drew Eginton and Jeff Walser (DB's) return on defense.

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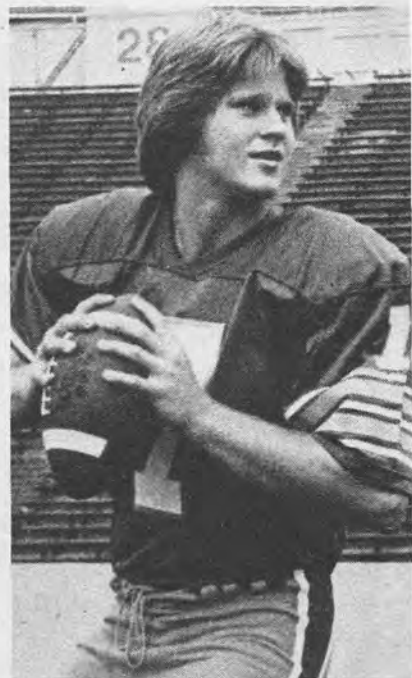




**BRUCE CLARK**, Penn State defensive end, is intimidating 6-3, 260 pounds.

**PETE HARRIS**, left, safety for Penn State Lions, had 11 interceptions.

**MATT MILLEN**, 256 pounds, mans defensive tackle for Penn State.



**ART MONK**, left, is bigger threat at receiver in 1979 if Syracuse quarterback **BILL HURLEY** can stay healthy.

**HUGH GREEN**, left, is two-time All-America Panther DE. **RICK TROCANO**, Pitt QB, passed for 1648 yards in 1978.



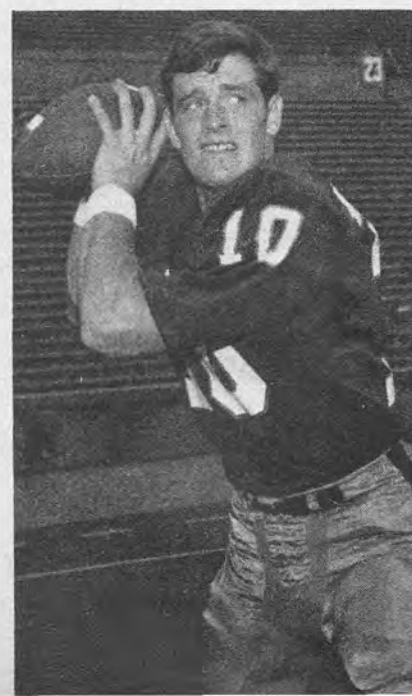
**TOM FELDMAN** uses 6-4, 237-pound frame to make room for Navy's rushers.

**STEVE CALLAHAN** paced Navy in rushing in 1978, 175 carries for 766 yards.



**GEORGE MAYES** returns at middle guard for Army after knee injury in 1978.

**EARLE MULRANE**, Army's QB, passed for 1419 yds. and 5 TDs in 1978 season.





## By Arnie Burdick

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# East

## PATERNO'S NITTANY LIONS AGAIN KING OF EAST AS THEY PURSUE NATIONAL TITLE

### PREDICTIONS

#### Independents

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| 1. Penn State    | 7. Rutgers        |
| 2. Pittsburgh    | 8. Army           |
| 3. Syracuse      | 9. Boston College |
| 4. Navy          | 10. Colgate       |
| 5. Temple        | 11. Villanova     |
| 6. West Virginia | 12. Holy Cross    |

#### Ivy League

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| 1. Brown     | 5. Princeton |
| 2. Yale      | 6. Penn      |
| 3. Cornell   | 7. Harvard   |
| 4. Dartmouth | 8. Columbia  |

#### Middle Four

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|-------------|--------------|
| 1. Delaware | 3. Lafayette |
| 2. Lehigh   | 4. Bucknell  |

#### Yankee Conference

- |                      |                  |
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| 1. Rhode Island      | 4. New Hampshire |
| 2. Massachusetts     | 5. Connecticut   |
| 3. Boston University | 6. Maine         |

#### Little Three

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| 1. Amherst | 2. Williams | 3. Wesleyan |
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They are no longer playing "Taps" for Eastern football. It's very much alive and well wherever you look on a variety of fronts. . . . From the pinnacle—Penn State—to the small colleges, many of whom have returned to the gridiron with renewed vigor after a brief sojourn on the sidelines.

In addition, there are some healthy news signs on the Eastern landscape. Syracuse is a-building a 50,000-seat Carrier Dome to replace Ancient Archbold Stadium, one of the true concrete wonders of the world. . . . West Virginia has also broken ground for a new 50,000-seater to replace old Mountaineer Field. Both of these new stadia are slated for completion by the opening of the 1980 campaign. And Penn State, which went to 76,000 seats last fall, already has more growing pains. The Nittany Lions recently announced another expansion—to 83,000—which will be in place for the 1981 season.

The East is a-building on the gridiron, too. No less than four majors went "bowling" last fall, and though the Navy Middies were the only team to come back on the long end of the score, sending four teams

off to post-season action was still another sign of robust health.

Penn State, of course, with its fourth unbeaten, untied team in a Super decade under Coach Joe Paterno, came within a few inches in its ill-fated Sugar Bowl appearance of tying up Alabama and capturing the second National Championship in three years for the East.

The Mount Nits figure to make another run for national honors, thanks to a mean, seasoned defensive platoon paced by three returning All-Americans—tackles Bruce Clark and Matt Millen, plus safetyman Pete Harris. Paterno will have to lean more heavily on this unit until he can reconstruct his offense, which lost its ace battery—All-America Chuck Fusina to Scott Fitzkee—plus most of the classy escort service up front.

The Pitt Panther has a mean growl again as does Syracuse and Navy. Coach Jackie Sherrill has been quietly collecting a lot of good football players, including All-America defensive flank Hugh Green, and the Pitts just might explode this autumn against a schedule that doesn't appear as taxing.

Syracuse, with Bill Hurley recovered from fractured ribs and Lil' Joe Morris and Art Monk to motor, will touch off its fair share of fire works. But can Frank Maloney patch up his weak D? One of the quieter builders in the East is Navy's George Welsh, who directed his Sailors to a Holiday Bowl win over Brigham Young in San Diego's first post-season action. Gregg Milo paces a stout defense, with Co-Capt. Larry Klawinski sparking a well-balanced attack.

Wayne Hardin, once again, is brewing magic at Temple around veteran QB Brian Broomell, the signal-caller who made Hardin the winningest coach in Owl history. Injuries ravaged Frank Cignetti's Mountaineers early last year, but Robert Alexander paces a WVU arsenal that should make several key strikes.

The Army Cadets are rebuilding. They hired the veteran Lou Saban away from Miami of Florida in orders to turn the West Pointers around. It was the lone major coaching change in the sector, a newsworthy item in itself.

Coach Frank Burns, who put together a nine-game win string, before Colgate upset his bowl-bound Rutgers eleven in the finale, has a flock of veteran linemen returning on both fronts, while Boston College has too many good football players to endure another 0-and-11 disaster. Offensive linemen John



Schmeding is healthy once again and has the pros drooling.

Coach Neil Wheelwright turned the corner in his third season and cranked out a winner at Holy Cross, but the Crusaders must find a QB and battle "senioritis" this fall. QB John Marzo is ready to direct a solid Colgate attack.

The Ivies figure to be more scrambled than ever. Brown, healthier and deeper than a year ago, needs a quarterback. So does Dartmouth. If coach Joe Yukica is to repeat his miracle of last fall, when he captured the championship in his first season handling the Hanover reins. Yale and Cornell, in its third year under Bob Blackman and strengthened by some junior college transfers, look like the best breakthrough possibilities to the throne room.

The Yankee Conference should present a four-way duel for the title. The defending kings, Massachusetts, will have to hold off challenges from tooling-up Rhode Island, Boston U. and New Hampshire. "Little Rhody", under Bob Griffin, is getting muscle.

Overall there's sparks of enthusiasm wherever you peek, and the grid goals have never been loftier in the East.

## INDEPENDENTS

**PENN STATE**—A wave of lettermen, including 11 regulars, were graduated from the Penn State squad that came within a whisker of capturing the National Championship. No. 1 and 11-and oh entering last January's Sugar Bowl appearance against No. 2 Alabama, the Nittany Lions were halted late in the fray inches from the tying touchdown by a super Crimson Tide goalline stand.

Thus, evaporated Penn State's latest quest for a National Championship, the one bauble that has eluded the perennial Eastern grid standard-bearers.

Still, the 1978 Mount Nit machine will long be remembered as one of the better squads put together by coach Joe Paterno, his fourth unbeaten and untied regular-season vehicle. . . . A squad that established a bushel-basket of school statistical marks.

Among those stars departing were All-America QB Chuck Fusina, ace receiver-punter Scott Fitzkee, placekicker Matt Bahr, A-A tackle Keith Dorney and others. They'll have to be replaced solidly and quickly if coach Joe is to continue to have his Lions roar.

The makings for another winning Lion machine, something Penn State has had a copyright on since 1938, are still on campus. However, Paterno will have to rebuild his offensive front, and uncover a quarterback who can make his offense click. The defense, led by All-America tackles Bruce Clark and Matt Millen, plus another "All"—safetyman Pete Harris—appears ready to contain the opposition until the new attack can slip into high gear.

The man to beat for the QB job is Dayle Tate. He looked the best of the pack during the spring, though the soph was held out of any contact work, due to the fact that he fractured a clavicle in last year's second game. He's a junior with a good arm and poise. Newcomers Jon Lebo, Terry Rakowsky and Frank Rocco will back him up.

Working in the first backfield will be such hold-

over ball-carriers as Matt Suhey, Mike Guman and Booker Moore. They combined for 1643 yards of rushing, and have the experience and skills to make the running game go, if . . .

If the offensive line, wiped out by commencement, can be reconstructed. Coach Joe did a considerable amount of shuffling and experimenting in the spring, even trying tight end Irv Pankey at both tackle and guard spots. Bill Dugan won the tackle spot opposite returning starter Jim Brown, who broke an ankle in the spring. With Pankey at one guard, Marty Sierocinski and Mike Munchak vie for the other spot. Jim Romano is in the picture, too.

The receiving situation should be cared for by Tom Donovan and Scott Hettinger, with Joel Coles, who catches well, also working at tailback.

Over on defense, Joe can still hitch up those two monster tackles, the best tandem on any one college team in the country. Clark (6-3, 260) got most of the laurels, but Millen (6-1, 256) is regarded as just as tough by a good many rivals. Junior Larry Kubin will shore up one flank. He's a good one, with perhaps Gene Gladys working the other side. Greg Jones figures to start at middle guard.

Lance Mehl returns as one linebacker, one of the better ones that State has turned out in a long line of great backers. Steve Griffiths and Rick Donaldson lead for the other spots. Harris (6-1, 196) is solid at safety. He led the nation in interceptions last fall with 10 in 11 games. And for good measure he added another in the Bowl test. Karl McCoy is seasoned at one halfback, with Tom Wise probably moving into the vacant post.

The kicking game could be a problem. Taking over Bahr's chores will be either Herb Menhardt, who has kicked under fire, or Brian Franco. Greg Jones (a lineman) might punt, or perhaps the chores will fall to Scott O'Donnell.

Paterno may be hard-pressed to win as many games as he has the last two years—11—but the Nittany Lions continue to be the team to beat for Eastern laurels. And if coach Joe can get his passing game going early, he just might make another run for national acclaim.

**PITTSBURGH**—The Panthers still have plenty of talent on hand as Coach Jackie Sherrill attempts to blend more passing into his offensive repertoire. A multiple pro set will be installed to go with an I.

There are 44 returning lettermen, including 13 starters, which means that Pitt should field another good football team. They'll be young, but hard-nosed, and fun to watch. Last year's soph-laden club was 8-3 before getting tripped in the Bowl by NC State. During the last four years, Pitt's chalked up a commendable 29-6-1 mark, fifth best in the land.

The running back situation is in good hands. Fred Jacobs, who rushed for 634 yards, Rooster Jones and Larry Sims were the three top ground-gainers. In addition, there's Artrell Hawkins, Russ Carter, Barry Compton and Steve Harris available. And a JC transfer, Randy McMillan, might step in at full.

The offensive line is well-stacked. Mark May (6-5, 280), Bob Gruber (6-5, 255) and Ed Gallagher (6-6, 265) are almost large enough to enter the Derby and



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Kurt Brechbill is a solid backup. Dan Fidler can start at one guard, with Emil Boures, Jim Marsillo and Scott Hartman having seen some service. Russ Grim may inherit the pivot berth, though Rocky DeStefano will give him an argument.

Pitt's well-stocked at QB, too, with the veteran Rick Trocano, who passed for 1648 yards his sophomore year, the man to beat out. He can run with the football, too. Behind him there's such veterans as Scott Jenner and Dan Daniels, red-shirted last year. But the best of the group could be Dan Marino (6-4, 200) a scholastic, first-string All America with a buggy-whip arm.

Their top targets figure to be flanker Ralph Still, Cliff Moore and Willie Collier. Benjie Pryor (6-5, 230) is a mansized tight end. Keith Williams can fly from his wideout spot and has good hands.

Over on the other side of the scrum, Pitt's defense has some exceptional people. Hugh Green, with two more years left, was an All-America end. He might also see some service as a linebacker this fall. Steve Fedell and Ricky Jackson are ready to mate with Green at the terminals.

Jeff Pelusi, top tackler, returns at one linebacking post. He's a senior who might have a pro career ahead. Other LB's with experience are Mark Reichard, Sal Sunseri and Yogi Jones. The defensive frontier is solid, too, though it might be a trifle thin. Greg Meisner (6-3, 238) and Bill Neill (6-4, 249) both started at tackle last fall, while Jerry Boyarsky (6-3, 270) started some games. Glenn Meyer is a quick noseguard.

The secondary returns Jo Jo Heath an All-America choice, and Lynn Thomas as the starting corners. They both can travel. Carlton Williamson is back at the strong safety.

All of the kickers are back. Senior Steve Schubert again will concentrate on the short field goals and PAT's, while side-saddle booter Dave Trout will handle the longer FG's plus kicking off regularly into the end zone. Joe Gasparovic, who averaged 37.4, also returns.

Pitt's schedule seems more tailor-made for success, too. Gone are such forces as Notre Dame and Florida State, though an early excursion to Washington could shed some light on the Panthers' final rating.

Overall, this is a talented, deep squad that will be much tougher to beat if its overhead attack clicks. Sherrill has enough muscle and speed to make some deep impressions on the '79 grid picture.

**SYRACUSE**—There may be better defenses in the land, but will there be a better "1-2-3-punch" on any college eleven this fall than at Syracuse?

With Bill Hurley healthy again after suffering fractured ribs on the seventh play of the '78 opener, Coach Frank Maloney has his super option-running QB ready to direct an Orange attack that could be one of the most explosive in the country.

Mix in senior runner-receiver Art Monk and soph breakaway Joe Morris and the Orange looks like it has the specialists to ring a lot of points up on the board.

Still, Maloney has some haunting problems. He must rebuild a defense that gave up 295 big points

in last fall's 3-8 disappointment, and he's compelled to play all of his 11 games on the highway as a new, 50,000-seat Carrier Dome goes up on campus where Archbold Stadium stood for better than seven decades.

Playing away doesn't bother Maloney that much, "for the kids are looking forward to playing two games at the Meadowlands and two at the Buffalo Bills stadium. They like the idea of playing in those big, new Stadiums." The other Orange "home" game, Boston College, has been moved to nearby Cornell. But that's the finale, and by that time, the "hay will be in the barn."

Hurley, who established 11 Syracuse records in '77 and who's passed and rushed for 3860 total yards, is an exciting competitor who has the facility and quick feet to make something out of a broken play. In addition, he can hit his targets, long or short, whether set up or on the run. He just might be the outstanding QB in college this fall.

Morris, who rushed for 1001 yards last fall, the only frosh in SU history to hit the 1000 mark, can go the distance every time he touches the ball. And Monk, the tall, 210-pound running back can get his yards in a variety of ways—up the middle, outside, or gathering in a pass. He looks like a surefire, first-round draft choice.

Another bell-ringer is tackle Craig Wolfley (6-1, 265), superb digger-outer, who'll pace a veteran forward wall. John McCollom (6-3, 250) returns at the other tackle, unless he's moved to defense. Then Bruck Babcock will step in. Joe Hodges will again snap, with Bruce Semall, Tim Trapasso and Tony Sidor, all large targets, serving as the double tight ends. Tony Hazzan is back at one guard, with Andy Gissinger probably moving in at one line spot.

Besides the tight ends, Brian Ishman and Greg Williams lend experience to the receiving corps, while walk-on Wayne Bolden looked like a winner last spring. Paul Zambuto, held out of spring work due to surgery, Frank Marone bolster the receiving.

The Orange did lose Lil' Dave Jacobs, who won a flock of games with his tremendous placement work, but soccer-style Gary Anderson looks like he'll be able to supply three-point power.

It's over on the other side of the line where the Orange has a giant headache. The "D" gave up over 4300 yards and almost 300 points last fall, so the down people must be improved.

Mike Gyetvay is one solid end, and John Cameron, Fred Lang, Bob Tate and John Kinley offer experience. Gary Neugebauer and Mike Rotunda pace the returning middle linemen, along with Mike Connors.

The linebacking situation looks healthier, if Jim Collins, All-East, recovers from off-season surgery. Guy Ruff, Kevin Yard, and a transfer Ike Bogosian, plus Ken Kollar and Matt Zunic offer depth and tackling ability.

The deep secondary disappointed, though they're experienced. Speedy Warren Harvy and combative Terry O'Leary return as do Jerry Kilpatrick, Russ Spitz and Cedric Hinton.

Punter Jim Goodwill will be in his fourth year handling the kicking chores.

Most of the incoming recruits—18 of 25—are

pegged for defensive action, but the early opener at Ohio State (Sept. 8) doesn't give Maloney much time to weave them into the program.

Still, this is a Syracuse team that could produce some of the biggest thrills of the '79 season. As long as Bill Hurley is healthy, the Orange can't be counted out of any game.

**NAVY**—The Sailors' best season in 15 years causes boundless enthusiasm along Crabtown Bay.

Coach George Welsh's Middies won nine games, including their first seven, to create a stir in the rankings last fall. And after winding up with a walloping win (28-0) over Army, plus a 23-16 Bowl victory over Brigham Young, Annapolis supporters finally went away ecstatic.

There are 33 lettermen returning, but a good many of the people in the skilled positions are now young Ensigns. This would include explosive kick-returner-receiver Phil McConkey and QB Bob Leszczynski, who could scramble out of almost any difficult situation and extricate himself.

Heir apparent at QB is Bob Powers, long-legged option runner who seems to have a knack for moving a club. Safety Fred Reitzel has been shunted back to quarter.

The running back situation is rosey. All four top rushers from last fall return, including Steve Callahan (766 yards), Mike Sherlock, Larry Klawinski, and Kevin Tolbert. A couple of sophs—Duane Flowers and Ed Meyers—bear attention.

The passing game will be hampered with the loss of two exceptional receivers—McConkey and Sandy Jones. However, tight end Curt Gainer is still eligible. He could be All-East, maybe all-everything. Carl Hendershot and Matt McLaughlin also return. The wide receiving department could be controlled by Greg Papajohn (6-4, 198) and Mike Chapon. They'll also receive help from a pair of now healthy agents, Dwayne Dennis and Dave Dent.

Up front, the Mids are getting bigger. Tackles John Taylor and Rock Bott are both in the 245-pound category, while guards Frank McCallister and Tom Feldman average better than 240. So does Rich Welch, junior lineman.

Over on defense, some seven starters return. And this was a defense that was ranked 13th in the nation, recording four schneiders. End Charlie Thornton, and rover Gregg Milo are both seniors. All-East tackle John Merrill (6-6, 248) and linebacker Tom Paulk, the team's top tackler, are all on duty.

Also, there's tackle Steve Chambers, deep backs Chuck Zingler and Charlie Meyers, all starters. Some lettermen who'll provide depth are ends Reggie Trass and Bart Nixon, tackle Mike Matthes and nose guard Terry Huxel. A couple of sophs who could be heard from are Chris Garner and Tim Jordan.

Joining co-captain Paulk with the linebacking chores will be Mike Kronzer and Ted Dumbauld. Floyd Jaggears and Randy Lay are newcomers who could break in. Jon Ross and Chris Boblit are expected to lend depth to the secondary.

The kicking game is graduating, and this could cause Welsh problems. However, overall there's

much more depth available on the Annapolis scene, with a winning enthusiasm fanning the flame. The Sailors might not enjoy as much success as a year ago, but there's a winning spirit in and around Annapolis now. Navy will field another good football team.

**TEMPLE**—The Owls have become very global in their grid travels. A year ago, they wound up in Tokyo, trimming Boston College to complete a fine 7-3-1 season. This year, they'll fly to Honolulu to face the U. of Hawaii eleven. Not a bad recruiting pitch for scholastic stickouts.

More important, coach Wayne Hardin has the Temple program heading in the right direction. Now the winningest coach in Owl history with a 57-31-5 mark, Hardin thinks that the Cherry and White should be able to move up the ladder another notch this fall. Only losses to three Bowl teams—Penn State, Pitt and Rutgers, by a total of 14 points—prevented the Owls from enjoying an unbeaten season. There are 38 returning lettermen.

Though losses were heavy, the head Owl feels that a more mature Brian Broomell at QB will direct his very explosive smorgasbord attack. Mark Bright will be one of the top toters, while Wiley Pitts and Gerry Lucear can catch the football. So can Drew Wesnak. Other running backs who bear watching are Bob Stark, Bill Poletti and George Benson.

Up front, Hardin can call upon Guards Fitz Benson, and Rich Garza. An off-field incident claimed the life of Joe Nedley, promising blocker. The tackles will be battled for by Doug Hayes, Phil Prochaska and Chris Stinger. Over the ball will be either Barry Collins or Brad Johnson.

On defense, the Owls look devastating, perhaps the strongest they've been since Hardin came on the scene a decade ago. Tackle Colin McCarty could be an All-America. He's got the talent. Tom Borgese may be his running mate. Alongside, such defensive ends as Brett Egan, Marty Manning, Ken Streich and Brian Wensel should handle the flanks, while nose guard Don Carden is experienced.

The secondary is deep. Mike Duffy, Brett Hardenstine, Bob Keels, Mark McCants, Matt McArdle, and Rick McCoy are just a few of the proven folks. In front of them will be such linebackers as Steve Conjar, Mike Curcio, Mike Fuoco and Bruce Gordon.

The kicking game is exceptional. Casey Murphy just could be the best punter in the nation, while Ron Fiorvanti and Bob Clauser are both experienced placekickers.

With a little bit of luck, the Owls could not only shock a lot of folks, but they could find themselves in post-season action, too.

**WEST VIRGINIA**—The Mountaineers started with high hopes last fall, but came apart at the seams early, when injuries and the bounce of the ball hurt Coach Frank Cignetti's forces.

There's still hope, plus a new stadium going up in Morgantown, as 29 returning lettermen dig in, including 16 starters.



Cedric Thomas, a brilliant wideout who missed most of last season after undergoing an appendectomy, leads a crack receiving corps. He can fly in the deep pattern. Soph Darrel (Coast-to-Coast) Miller, who made 13 catches last fall, will mate with him. The tight end situation will see a fight for the job, led by Junior Ricky Davis (6-6, 230) and frosh Dave Johnson, a scholastic All-America.

Dutch Hoffman and Oliver Luck, who split the QB duties last year, both return. Hoffman clicked on 105 of 251 passes for 1477 yards and nine direct TD's. The running back situation, now that leading rusher Fulton Walker has been moved to beef up the defense, looks like Dane Conwell, Robert Alexander and Eldridge Dixon pacing the parade.

Some of the offensive linemen who should help are Center Pat Conochan, Jim Himic, Jim Holmes and Al Thomas. Keith Jones and Jay Krohe are some new faces who bear watching.

The deep secondary figures to be the strongest feature of the defensive platoon. Senior Jerry Holmes should be in for post-season laurels, while Fulton Walker (now on defense), Jody McKown, Joe Jones and Sedrick King all have had seasoning. Delbert Fowler and Jeff Seals can handle the flanks again.

The linebacking should be led by John Garcia and Billy McLee. Cignetti must rebuild the down frontier. Sophs Cal Turner and Bobby Tomko should step in at tackle, with Al Pisula adding his experience. Gordon Gordon may be the nose guard.

The kicking game should be in good shape. Side-winner Steve Sinclair, a right-footer, returns as the leading scorer from last fall. He hit all 16 PAT's, nine of 14 fields. And Curt Carion, who averaged 40.1 yards in 64 kicks, was WVU's first punter since '65 to hit that kind of an average.

Overall, the Mountainers figure to jump a notch or two if they can toughen their defensive front. In any event, WVU should win more games than last year's disappointment.

**RUTGERS**—Garden State Bowl participants, the Scarlet Knights return 13 starters from their 9-3 eleven, which rolled off nine wins in a row in mid-season. It was Rutgers' first post-season bowl appearance.

Coach Frank Burns, beginning his seventh year, will have 17 other lettermen available to provide depth and experience.

Middle Guard Ed Steward (6-1, 240), an All-East choice, plus tackles Dino Mangiaro (6-4, 255) and Mike Rustemeyer (6-3, 255) figure to make it tough for rivals to move the ball up the middle. The linebacking situation could be a problem.

Safety Mark Freeman and Deron Cherry and Ken Smith form a solid deep secondary. Freeman and Smith both intercepted four while Cherry, with three, also does the punting.

The offensive front looks powerful, with five regulars back. Guards Pete Honeyford (230) and Pete George (235), with Mike Kubas in reserve, will form the bulwark for the running game. Kevin Kurdyla (250) is just a junior, but he'll be starting his third straight year at a regular tackle spot, with George

Carter alongside again at the tight end.

Two experienced quarterbacks—senior Bob Hering and junior Ed McMichael—will battle it out for the starting job. Hering hit on 88 of 193 passes for 1193 yards, while starting every game. McMichael had a 64.7 completion average.

There are experienced receivers to gather in their aerials, including Carter, split end Tim Odell and flanker Ted Blackwell. All made 13 catches, while wideout Dave Dorn, MVP last fall, latched onto better than twice as many—27—for 535 yards. In addition, Dorn rambled for 358 yards running the football. He also picked up 557 yards returning kicks, to give him a total of 1450 all-purpose yards for the campaign.

Blackwell and Lester Johnson are solid running backs. The former rushed for 532 yards, while Johnson raced for 342, though hurt a good deal of the season. Bill Martin, a vet, might move in at full.

Kennan Startzell, who holds all the Knights' PAT and field goal marks, returns for his senior season. He missed one of 32 PAT's, while hitting 15 of 19 three-pointers.

Burns figures to keep the Scarlet going, but the schedule looks a trifle tougher.

**ARMY**—After a 4-6-1 season, including a humiliating 0-28 loss at the hands of arch-rival Navy, the Cadets reached for a new broom. Veteran Lou Saban, much-traveled college-pro coach, who last fall was rebuilding Miami of Florida into a winner, moved North to the Hudson Plains, to take over from Homer Smith.

Some 26 lettermen greeted the stern disciplinarian, including eight starters. In addition, another 120 reported for spring drills, proving that there still is plenty of wholesome enthusiasm for the sport on the Plains.

Only three starters return to the defense, Saban's first concern. These would be linebacker John Hilliard (6-0, 210), who was the Cadets top tackler the last couple of falls, and corners Jeff Cook and Bruce Elliott.

Helping out the situation is the return of nose guard George Mayes (6-4, 240), who missed half of '78 with a knee hurt. Deep back Jon Hallingstad, who started the first half of the season until he fractured a leg, also returns. There are 11 other letter-winners ready for defensive duty.

Of the four up front who've had some experience, there are ends Larry Trumbore and Willie Nattiel, tackle Stan March and MG Andy Evans. Linebackers John Garrison and Doug Lenhoff have some game experience, while Dan Webb, Drew Harrington, Dave Charest, Doug Lowrey and Dale Love will be battling for roles in the secondary.

The offense looks a little solidier. Up front, three king-sized Tackles—Matt Herholtz, Chuck Boucher and Mike Bristol—should be able to care for a trio of spots. Earle Mulrane, who flipped for more than 1400 yards and Jerry Bennett, who came on late, will battle for the QB post. Mulrane is a solid, 6-3, 217, while Bennett, just a frosh last fall, came on like gangbusters.

Jimmy Hill, the team's leading rusher (678 yards)

and scorer (66 points), will be a sparkplug. Joining him will be such lettermen as Dino Harris, Ken Topping, the third and fourth best rushers, plus Rob Heather and Bobby Shields, with some experience.

The flanker spots will be well cared for by Mike Fahnestock and Bill Skoda, with Saban looking for other quality receivers to fill voids.

The kicking game will also be new, like Saban, who inherits a schedule that might discourage a less experienced skipper. For such new faces as North Carolina, Penn State, Stanford, Duke and Baylor booby-trap Army's '79 chart.

Even the fiery Saban, who's performed his share of reconstruction miracles may have difficulty getting the Cadets moving in the right direction this autumn.

**BOSTON COLLEGE**—Coach Ed Chlebek's debut at Chestnut Hill was an 0-11 disaster, which not even the worst pessimist in the Eagles' nest foresaw.

However, hope springs still at BC where 41 lettermen return. Injuries cut down the Eagles last fall, including All-America hopeful John Schmeding, 6-4, 250-pound offensive tackle. He's the heart of the forward wall.

Behind him will operate a seasoned backfield of QB Jay Palazola, leading rusher Anthony Brown, fullback Dan Conway, plus a pair of newcomers—frosh Shelby Gamble and transfer from UCLA Leo Smith. Soph Dennis Scala will press Palazola for QB honors. Tight end Tim Sherwin is a super target and blocker.

Defensively, soph Steve Lively is looked upon as the anchor up front. A huge frosh, Junie Poles (6-8, 260), should fill one tackle slot.

The defensive backfield appears to be solid. It led the nation in pass defense last fall, giving up only 65.1 yards per game. Juniors Jeff Ryan and Mike Mayock are the keys.

The kicking game is up in the air, for ace place-kicker Tim Moorman graduated. His place could be taken by soph John Cooper, who also handled the punting last fall.

The schedule is a rough one once again, especially

early in the campaign when such powers as Tennessee, Stanford, Pittsburgh and Miami of Florida must be faced.

If Chlebek's Eagles can weather that early storm, they should be able to rebound and make something of the '79 season.

**COLGATE**—After a pair of Super seasons, Colgate's grid fortunes dipped last fall, as injuries and heavy graduation losses took their toll.

However, Coach Fred Dunlap was happy with the way his 3-8 Red Raiders finished, knocking off bowl-bound Rutgers in the finale. It gave encouragement and enthusiasm to the future. He also feels that there's a good deal more depth available than in the recent past. "We have greater depth with more quality people," he feels. "Our success will depend upon how quickly it comes together, which is usually the case with a front-end loaded chart."

Dunlap has 13 returning starters (9 on offense) for his nucleus. These are led by co-captains John Marzo, confident QB, and Angelo Colosimo, top ground-gainer. Marzo, now a senior, finished strong and should give the Raiders a solid aerial attack. Jeff Carty and Brian Plunkett should back him up ably.

Colosimo, a 195-pounder, will be back at full, with Steve Hill, hurt all year, and Tom McChesney. Mike Karath and Jim Freeman are the leading halfbacks, with Frank Rossi, Preston Felton and Paul Callan all deserving plenty of attention.

The receiving corps looks blessed. Tall (6-3) Tom Rogers, who alternated as the starter the last four games, will step into the split end post permanently. Chuck Stanton will back him up. The tight spot will be cared for by plenty of talent—Mike Getman (6-2, 220), Paul Mickiewicz and Larry Quant.

The interior line came of age late in the campaign after a slow start. Mike Twomey (6-5, 240), who opened at one tackle before going down in the first game with injury, is healthy again. He'll mate with Mitch Komnick or John Kafaf. Juniors Chris Hurley and Kevin Green will be at the guards, along with soph Dave Moules, while Tony Bubniak will be over the ball.

The defense, which lost seven starters, will need some shoring up. Jon Kimmel will be back at one flank, with George Swan starting again at a tackle. Jeff King, Jay Woerdeman and Dan Mastrella will battle for the vacant tackle, along with soph Bob Picinich. Jeff Gembitsky, Mike Cook, and Ivor Brown will shoot for the open end.

The linebacking situation could be tricky. Karl Grabowski, Gene Young, Joe Murphy and Pete Cirillo all have had varsity experience. Filling in for All-America Doug Curtis will be rugged. Some sophs in the picture are Pete Bennett, Andy Bobik and Dave Lambert.

The secondary was wiped out by graduation, though several fine athletes are on deck for duty. John Kraemer, Bill Dunlea and Jerome Thomas have some experience, while John Brown, Bill Lewis and Paul Ordille should challenge.

Soph Pete Fenner, who took over the job in mid-season, returns to do the place-kicking, while Joe

ANGELO COLOSIMO, left, led Colgate in rushing last year. JOHN MARZO hit for 482 yards against Delaware.





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LARRY EWALD, senior running back at Holy Cross, had 35.2 yards on punts and rushed for 392 yards in 1978.



GLENN VERETTE, Holy Cross co-captain and All-East safety, made seven interceptions, 91 tackles in 1978 season.

Murphy or Frank Rossi will do the punting.

Overall, the Raiders are looking for another transition year, with very few seniors on the squad. However, due to greater depth, injuries shouldn't cut into production as severely. Look for the Colgates to jump a notch or two, but they'll need a few lucky bounces of the ball to finish on the winning side of the ledger.

**VILLANOVA**—Fourteen starters will be on tap for Coach Dick Bedesem as he rebuilds the Wildcats against a testy early schedule. The greater all-around balance on hand could help the 'Cats boost their 5-6 log of last fall over the .500 mark. Several losses were close.

Biggest loss and hardest to replace was wishbone fullback Vince Thompson, All-East thumper. Five transfers should beef up the package. Three—end Bruce Kullman, tackle Paul Phillipy and linebacker Jim Matika—will solidify the defense, while Willie Sydnor is a gifted split end and Rich Dalatri could start at center. Sydnor, with speed to burn, will mate with tight end Paul Columbia.

Such speedbacks as Mike Gold, Dana Shelton, plus slashing Shawn Passman will do most of the early toting. Don Ziesel is ticketed to move into Thompson's big shoes. Pat O'Brien will quarterback. He was injured a good deal of last fall, but was plucky enough to play. Up front such proven horses as tackle Joe Fleshman and guard John Liszka will provide escort service.

Defensively, Howie Long moves out to tackle from his nose guard spot, while Dan Burke is a solid rover and Dave Martin at safety, might be the quickest deep back in the East. End Don Brooks,

tackle Steve Duda and linebacker Tommy Fitzpatrick are other returning starters as is safety Bernie Hober.

Placekicker Chuck Bushbeck, with 42 points last fall and Punter Joe Borajkiewicz, with a 38½ yard average, is back to boot again.

Bedesem hopes that his 'Cats will be quicker in '79. That, coupled with their physical hitting, could give them a winning ledger.

**HOLY CROSS**—Fired up by last season's 7-4 mark, Purple Crusader fans are now hoping for even more improvement from Coach Neil Wheelwright's fourth vehicle atop Mt. St. James. It was the first time since '61 that the Crusaders won seven.

He does have 35 lettermen back, including 17 starters, 7 on offense, 10 on the "D". The top six rushers of a year ago all return, including Crocky Nangle, Larry Ewald, Brian Doherty, El Reks, John Ahern and Phil Johnson. Finding a winning QB to direct the attack could be the biggest problem.

Soph Dave Boisture, who saw only limited duty, looks like the one to beat, though junior Joe LeMay, who's had some starts, and Dave Murphy will give him a battle. Linebacker Mike Murnane might be moved over to the vacant tight end job, while RB Phil Johnson will be tried at the split end post. He has good hands.

Up front Junior Mark Chiungos (6-4, 250) will fill in at one guard opposite starter Joe DeSisto. Center Jack McGovern will again be over the ball, with Hank Vogel at one tackle and Jeff Smith at the other. The interior line figures to average better than 240.

The defensive picture appears a ray brighter. All-





RICK VILLELLA, breaking loose against Penn, set Brown rushing record of 735 yards last season as a sophomore.

East safety Glenn Verrette, fourth in the nation in interceptions with 7, is back to co-ordinate the secondary. Pete George will move in at one corner with junior Bob Ireland operating in the secondary.

Top tackler senior Jay Howlett is a tough tackle and Steve Gannon is a remarkable defensive flank. End Paul Matasavage will work opposite Gannon, with Bob Roncarati at the other tackle. He's the strongest man on the club. The linebacking should be better than average, with such veterans as Steve Hiorns, Kevin Harrington, Curt Bletzer and Chris Duggan all returning.

The kicking game should be solid, too. Returning are punters Larry Ewald and Tim Barry, plus PAT specialist Matt Michaud. Some incoming frosh who bear watching are running backs Andy Clivio and Tim Linehan, split ends Don Johnson and Mike Redding, plus deep backs Mark Gillespie and Tony Catalano.

Wheelwright is tickled about "turning the corner. Our total program is very solid. We not only have experience, but also a lot of confidence. We expect to continue to be successful."

### IVY LEAGUE

**BROWN**—Plagued with a rash of pre-season injuries last fall, the Bears started slowly, but still finished with a healthy 6-3 mark, only one game off the Ivy pace.

Coach John Anderson feels that his squad will again be able to make a strong run for league honors, especially if he can find a QB replacement for the departed Mark Whipple. Top candidates are juniors Larry Carbone and Scott Dumont. Both are very inexperienced. Carbone is a southpaw.

The rest of the backfield is well-stocked. Fullbacks Marty Moran and Steve Curtin are both seasoned,

while tailbacks Rick Villella and JoJo Jamiel are pacesetters. Villella set a Brown rushing mark for a season of 735 yards, while Moran averaged 4.7 yards per try, going for 575 yards. Damon Finneran, Dave Sims and Wayne Singleton are newcomers with talent.

Mark Farnham, at the split end, is a remarkable receiver. He figures to erase plenty of school marks before he winds it up this fall. All-Ivy tackle John Sinnott (64-275) will provide the line with a king-sized anchor. His mate is no tiny, either—John McCabe (6-4, 245). Guard Matt Quigley (6-3, 240) returns after injuries and will work with Gerry Deitchman. Mark Dolan or Dave Vachalek will probably be over the ball. The tight end spot will be handled by either Scott Kidger or John Atcheson, out with a leg fracture last fall. Both are well-built.

Defensively, Anderson has a good many seasoned folks returning. John Woodring, perhaps the best linebacker in Brown history, paces a solid backer corps, with John Prassas and Mike Audie working with him. Up front, there's end Don Place, tackles Rock Tate and John Rooney, plus nose guard and captain Jay Hickey.

The secondary needs shoring up. Safety Chris Weir, and halfbacks Mike Kachmer and Tony Mancini have some experience, while newcomer Ken Newcomer looks promising.

Tom Thurow is back to do the punting, while Ted Barrows and Bob Gransfors return to handle the placekicking.

Overall, it looks like Brown '79 hinges on how well Anderson can solve his quarterback riddle.

**YALE**—Some 18 regulars have departed the New Haven scene, which means that the Bulldogs present a major challenge to coach Carm Cozza, beginning his 15th campaign as head of the Elis. Still, there's a nucleus of 27 lettermen returning from last year's club which tied for second in the Ivy League.

Leading candidate for the vital signal-calling role is Dennis Dunn, a transfer from Montana State. He's a solid runner with limited experience. Phil Manley

KEN HILL, left, who uncorked 100-yard TD run in 1978, and linebacker TIM TUMPANE are among Yale standouts.



and John Rogan, with a fine arm, back up Dunn. Cozza likes his running backs. Senior Ken Hill, who motored for an average of more than 100 per game, paces the deep corps. Mike Austin, back from early-season injuries, Mike Sullivan, Rich Diana, top frosh toter, and John Nitti provide flexibility.

The ends must be replaced, with Mike Cardwell (6-5, 220) filling in at one flank, while Bob Rostomily and Dan Stratton figure to battle for the other. Greg Repetti and Todd Glanz should split the time over the ball. Glenn Hartman, Tim Spears and Joe Anesta will be seeking regular employment at the guards, with Bob Regan and Dan Skarzynski probably moving into the tackle slots.

Over on the other side of the scrimmage line, Cozza must rebuild the defensive front, though senior Ron Barlow and junior Kevin Czingler return to stabilize the situation from middle guard. Leading candidates for the tackle posts are Dave Conrad, Don Ford, Matt Crane, plus sophs Bill Kirk and Serge Mihaly. Jim Dwyer and Jeff Rohrer could handle the flanks, with sophs Fred Leone and Dennis Tulsiaak challenging.

Capt. Tim Tumpane and Skip Porter return for linebacking chores, with soph Jay Snyder and junior Scott McKenzie lending a hand. All-Ivy Arnie Pinkston, who picked off six passes to lead the Ivies, and safety Chip Kelly return. Monster Dave Novosel, cornerbacks Mike Muscatello and Rusty Meyer offer some seasoning.

A pair of senior Mikes—Sullivan and McIntyre—are back to punt again, with senior placekicker Dave Schwartz ready to do his specialty thing, along with Jim Owens.

"We do have some very capable people back," observes Cozza, "including many who missed a good deal of the '78 season due to injury. If they can come back strong, and if our sophs develop quickly, we should be very representative."

Some feel the Elis are the team to beat, but to win the Ivy crown, they've got to get past strong Brown and Dartmouth during the first month of the campaign. One item that should help is that Yale plays its first six games in The Bowl.

BRAD DECKER, left, is All-Ivy tight end candidate at Cornell which has solid linebacker in JIM DeSTEFANO.



**CORNELL**—The Big Red moved back into the first division last fall, with a 3-3-1 Ivy mark, and could make a run for the title this year, their third under Bob Blackman, who ruled the circuit from his Dartmouth outpost for years. "We feel that our most important accomplishment last fall," says Blackie, "was developing a new spirit."

He does have 36 returning lettermen, but he lost 11 key starters, including running back Joe Holland, second leading rusher in the nation. Mike Tanner, who missed all last season with injury, and Mike Ryan should battle for the vital QB job, vacated by Jim Hofher. Senior Dwayne Downtin could move into Holland's big shoes, though he, too, missed last year with injuries. Senior Randy Smith, sophs Bob Muha, Mark Merila and Doug Tornatore are also available tailbacks. Juniors Dick Clasby and Benny Tenuta are back at full. The swingback should be handled by such veterans as Keith Sepessy, Mark Turley and Tom Weidenkopf, though Jim Gorman and Alva Taylor are a pair of sophs to watch.

Jeff Supulski, Rod Gruendyke and sophs Jim Burry and Jack Higgins will seek the split end spot, with Brad Decker returning at the tight-end post. He's a solid, all-around citizen. The rest of the offensive forward wall will be built around center Tom Donnelly, guard Mark Chenevey, with soph Rob Palumbo a definite possibility. Paul DeJesus may fit in at one tackle, with Scott Foreman, moving over from defense, perhaps filling the other tackle post. Sophomore help could also come from center Paul Mullenhoff, tackles Mike Conley, Bruce Dziniski and Greg Knue.

The defensive line will be led by returning starters Tom Roth (6-5, 250) and Dave Chalk (6-3, 244). Both are juniors. Senior Carl Harmon is in reserve. Mike Johnson, transfer Mike Bievenour and Bill Foster will fight for the vacant end posts. Some sophs who'll help are tackle Mike Laprocido, plus ends Jim Bishop, Tom Isphording and Jeff Chapman.

The linebacking corps will be paced by stickout Jim DeStefano. Dan Scully, another junior, will help him. Tom Bottini or Paul Dale might also work in, along with Sophs Bill Dyar, Bob Ludwig and Mike Machikas. The deep secondary has Mike Cobb and Lou Montgomery as returning regulars, but both are small. Soph help could be in the form of Bill Jesson, Bill Sefton, Paul Kelley and Phil Loyd.

Senior Keith Manz and junior Ron Rejda return to do the placekicking. Manz booted 23 PAT's to tie Pete Gogolak's seasonal school mark. The punting spot is wide open.

Overall, Cornell's picture is coming into focus, and if Blackman can find a running back and solidify his deep secondary, the Ithacans would be right in the middle of the Ivy's photo-finish.

**DARTMOUTH**—Coach Joe Yukica found the Yellow Brick Road to the Ivy crown in his very first year at Hanover last fall, after serving Boston College for a decade as its winningest coach. Picked for the second division, coach Joe basted the Green into a 6-1 Ivy champ. Can he repeat? Perhaps, if he can patch the offensive line, uncover sturdy enough linebacking and a quarterback.



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**MICHIGAN Wolverines** (7-3) Power Rtg.: 124 (119) (120) (122) (124) (123) (121) (122)

**OHIO ST. Buckeyes** (7-4) Power Rtg.: 114 (119) (122) (120) (116) (114) (112) (114)

**1978 Schedule**

S. 16 Illinois 70  
23 at N'Dame 122 (P\*) (-1)  
30 Duke 100  
O. 7 Arizona 85 (+16)(+17)  
14 Mich. St. 113 (+22)(+21)  
21 at Wisc. 78 (+15)(+15)  
28 Minn. 80 (+17)(+15)  
N. 4 at Iowa 74 (+23)(+23)  
11 at N'western 58 (NL)(NL)  
18 Purdue 83 (+15)(+1)  
25 at Ohio St. 115

**Game No. 3**

Michigan's ground game...  
Tailback Harlan Huckleby...  
and scored two touchdowns...  
gained 73 yards on eight...  
just four times. The Wolverines...  
47 yards through three...  
Duke...  
Michigan

**Opponent's Power Rating**

S. 16 Penn St. 123  
23 at Minn. 81  
30 Baylor 87  
O. 7 SMU 74  
4 at Purdue 80

**Closing Line**

(F7)(+6½)  
(+17)(+17½)  
(+14)(+14)  
(+13)(+13)  
(+10)(+7½)  
(+16)(+16½)

**Final Score**

\*Pointspread  
Winner Against  
0-19\* Closing Line  
27-10  
34-28  
35-35

**Totals**

1st Downs 228  
Rsh. Att. 635  
Rsh. Yds. 2681  
Avg. Rsh. 4.2  
Ps. Comp. 65  
Ps. Att. 124  
Ps. Yds. 1095  
Had Int. 4  
Ret. Yds. 295  
Punts 46-50.5  
Fum.-Lost 21-10  
Pen.-Yds. 37-375

133  
372  
991  
2.7  
110  
202  
1075  
11  
186  
64-40.8  
24-12  
32-327

+263  
+1690  
+1.5  
-45  
-78  
+20  
-7  
+109  
-18, +9.7  
-3.2  
+5, +48

**Points**

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Avg. Pts. Scored Home 29.7 15.2  
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**1978 Pointspread**

Actual Record  
Spread Record  
Rec. as Favorite  
Rec. as Underdog  
Favorite vs. Spread  
Underdog vs. Spread

Home Away  
5-1 4-0  
4-2 2-0  
5-1 0-0  
0-0 2-0  
4-2 0-0  
0-0 2-0

**Last Year's Game Nov. 19, 1977**

Substitute tailback Roosevelt Smith ran one yard for a touchdown in the second quarter, quarterback Rick Leach went two yards for a score in the third quarter, and the Wolverine defense yielded only a pair of field goals to the Buckeyes as Michigan defeated Ohio State, 14-6.

**Series Record: Michigan 41-28-5**

Last Game: 1977; Michigan\* (-1) 14, Ohio St. 6

Columbus is the site of this season's Big Ten title game with a Rose Bowl bid awaiting the winner... Undoubtedly the Wolverines are the better football squad as the Buckeyes have definite weaknesses in the secondary and are inexperienced at the quarterback position.

**PREDICTION: Michigan 19, Ohio St. 13**

**OSU Buckeyes** (7-4) Power Rtg.: 114 (119) (122) (120) (116) (114) (112) (114)

**1978 Schedule**

S. 16 Penn St. 123  
23 at Minn. 81  
30 Baylor 87  
O. 7 SMU 74  
14 at Purdue 80  
21 Iowa 75  
28 N'western 58 (NL)(NL)  
N. 4 at Wisconsin 75 (+18)(+18)  
11 Illinois 84 (NL)(NL)  
18 at Indiana 83 (+16)(+15½)  
25 Mich. 123

**Game No. 3**

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and the home-field advantage will play a particularly...  
Miami wins its last regular season contest versus the...  
football, then this wild card playoff...  
the Dolphins will...  
on they must...  
the enthusiasm of the home-town...  
and defensive expertise of Bum...  
a match for any team in the...  
of success in the playoffs...  
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There are 22 lettermen back, including three All-Ivy—fullback Jeff Dufresne, kicker Chris Sawch and split end-punt receiver Dave Shula.

The forward offensive front looks sharp, led by co-captains Tom Marek, the right guard, tackles Jim Rill and Steve Petrillo.

Finding a replacement for QB Buddy Teevens, MVP of the Ivies, will be the No. 1 problem. Backup Larry Margerum, jayvee signal-caller Jeff Kemp (son of ex-NFLer-Congressman Jack Kemp) and Joe McLaughlin, switched from defense, will fight it out. Darryl Wong, up from the frosh, could surprise.

The running back contingent is strong. Dufresne, now a junior, is of the quick, durable type, motoring for 730 yards. Greg Henry, although out with injury for several games, is slated for tailback, with Mark Akey and Jon Bassindale pushing.

Shula, son of the Miami Dolphin coach, has excellent hands and positions himself well. He caught 49 passes for 656 yards and is a superb flanker. Terry Bonus, Len Robinson and John Wilson will be other targets.

Defensively, six starters are back, led by tackle Mike Francis, with Byron Boston at the nose guard post. Other tackles to be heard from are Ken Gonsler, Frank Leddy and Chris Lucas. Dave Watt, Rich Salchunas and Jerry Pierce could fill the linebacking void. Sophs Joe Fernandes, Mike Littlejohn and Lee Sedberry may see action.

Co-captain Cody Press will lead the secondary from his safety post. He's a quick one. Others who'll help are Greg Jaeger and Andy Chodos.

The placekicking is set with Sawch. He was a perfect 23 of 23 from the PAT line, and four of nine on fielders including a 44-yarder in the title game vs. Brown. QB Margerum may also have to do the punting.

Overall, the Green looks a trifle thin and inexperienced at the vital QB and linebacking posts, their strengths last fall.

**PRINCETON**—Last fall, Coach Frank Navarro had trouble at the skill positions, but this year he needs the escort help. If he finds 'em, the Tigers should move up into contention.

Returning to spark the offense is Cris Crissy, now a junior who was named All-Ivy last fall, only the second in Nassau history. A scrambling QB, Steve Reynolds is back to work the Veer well with Crissy. So is Ken Barrett, a sparkling thrower, who hit 52 of his 108 passes.

Helping Crissy with the running back chores will be Frank Wise, John Correlli, Jeff Pyros and Fred Rosenberg, all seniors, plus juniors Tim Mulvey and Mike Manganaro. Cris motored for over 1100 yards via all routes, 649 rushing, plus 294 receiving. Larry Van Pelt is a fine soph prospect.

The tight end situations got wiped out, but Tom Tekla, Tom Michel and Scott Oostdyk could move in. The split spot should be handled by Vince Bataglia and Lew Leone, with Rich Keefe returning at the wideout. The rest of the offensive line looks like a disaster, for graduation took the group. The leading center candidate is Ted Sotir, with Stew Finney

in contention. Top returning guards are Pete Bastone, Mike Schroth and Mark Bailey. Seniors Dave Pellegrini and Doug Smith are the most experienced tackles. The top sophs are Mark Rifkin and Mark Barney.

Defensively, the front five looks solid, though Pete Funke, the nose guard is gone. Jono Helmerich (6-5, 230) up from the frosh, may move up. The defensive flanks will be cared for by Steve Rowles and Paul Van Pelt. Ed O'Brien and Rick Mellon are soph lookers. Co-captain Matt McGrath is back at one tackle. He's a 245-pound hitter. He'll mate with Steve Hart, and Joe Lundie, coming off knee surgery.

Russ Moyer is the only returning linebacker with experience. Juniors John Marsh and Pat Sorek have jayvee experience, while Rick Wise is probably the best of the soph group. The deep secondary lost three starters, so it needs caulking, too. Dan Bennewitz will play at one corner, with John Kistler probably at the other. Dave Chandler will be the free safety, with Chris Boudreau at the strong spot. Jeff Idler led the frosh in interceptions.

Ken Buck and soph Paul Bartlett will battle for the open punting berth, with Senior Lou Vaccarello slated for the placekicking vacancy.

The inexperienced Tigers look like they'll have their hands full early, but should gather steam as the fall rolls along.

**PENN**—Severe pre-season injuries crippled the Quakers last fall and put a damper on the high hopes that had been held in pre-season. As a result the Red and Blue wound up in the Ivy basement instead of fighting for the flag.

This year, coach Harry Gamble, despite heavy graduation losses, feels that Penn will be back in the hunt. He'll wish on his wishbone again, feeling that it'll grind out huge chunks of yardage.

Heading the ball-carrier contingent will be halfbacks Ron Gray and John Montesanti, with several sophs slated to move up and take up the slack. These would be Paul Brodsky, Rick Beavais, Tom Pidgeon and Eric Price. Brodsky has the speed to turn the corner, while Beavais at 210, has the beef to blast.

Sophs might move in at QB, too. Newcomers Rob Ambrose, Gib Carter, Ralph Jean and Doug Marzoni all carry exceptional credentials. Junior Mick Navin, out with injuries last fall, might carry on.

Up front, there's a veteran glow, led by guard Ed Schrufer, tackle Barry Berenson, center Ed Shafer and tight end Jerry Smith. And there'll be size and depth provided by such sophs as Joel Mock, Roy Calarese, Rick Prior, Gary Kroll and Jim Cleary. Look for split end Nelson Johnson to be Penn's favorite target again.

Defensively, captain Gary Winemaster (6-4, 225) is a quick, strong end who made 41 individual tackles last fall. He makes the foe try the other flank. Jeff Ellis is a crack tackle or nose guard. Brian Lytwynec and Tom Kearney have size and experience, while Chris Hogan will provide valuable depth up front. Such sophs as Jimmy Smith, Chris Reiser and Bob Bailey should get playing time.

Randy Strich returns at one linebacking role,

while Tom Mazich, regular two years back, but out with injuries in '78, is healthy again. Dave Papenfuss, Dave Schmidt and Scott Boggio will provide depth. Graduation wiped out the secondary, but Roverback Ricky Lockett, Joe Carney and Joe Murphy all lettered. Rover Mike Christiani and Tony Liberatore are up from the frosh.

Placekicker John Dwyer is outstanding booting for one or three points, but the punting is up for grabs.

The Quakers may not be going for the title this fall, but they certainly have enough talent to work their way up the ladder.

**HARVARD**—Harvard football has been on the down side the last couple of fall semesters, and Joe Restic's young men will be thoroughly pressed to sail this year's ship on a winning course.

There will be 27 lettermen back, 10 starters, and this will provide the experience needed for a solid nucleus in the Crimson's 106th grid campaign.

The tallest order of business will be to replace all-time passing leader Larry Brown, and ace scorer-receiver Ralph Polillio. Brian Buckley could be ready to step into Brown's large brogans. He did click on 20 of 40 passes in just the second half vs. Colgate as a soph, but saw only limited duty the rest of last fall. If his running is not up to par, look for Burke St. John to operate the complicated multi-flex attack. Senior split end Rich Horner can catch the ball, but the tight end spot is a problem. Junior Linus O'Donnell (6-5, 240) has the body for it, though he missed last fall's action. Paul Connors should do well at one of the halfbacks. He can both fly and catch. His mate could be Jon Hollingsworth, while Owen Beacom and Tom Beatrice will fight for the fullback job.

Both kickers have departed via the graduation route, leaving soph Steve Flach with a chance to step in. Up front, center Dave Scheper and tackle Mike Durgin will return to their starting posts, while captain Mike Brown will fill in at one guard. His mate could be Orazio Lattanzi. Depth on the frontier is a major concern.

Defensively, the Johns return a pair of corking juniors, end Dave Otto and tackle Chuck Durst. Classmate Bob Woolway returns as a regular linebacker. Matt Sabetti should mate with him in making tackles.

The deep secondary needs help at the vital corners. Safety Scott McLeod returns, while John Castro should move in as the "Adjuster", Harvard's term for rover.

Overall, it looks like a rebuilding year for Restic, though he's more optimistic. Says Joe, "The talented people are in the program, but they don't have game time." Perhaps, if the Crimson can get past the first half of the season, they'll be dynamite down the stretch.

**COLUMBIA**—After an encouraging early-season start, the Light Blue Lions collapsed, losing their final four games, while getting outscored 165-33. However, Coach Bill Campbell still sees better days ahead. His goal for '79—A winning season.

Linebacker is a problem area, but there is strength and experience throughout the squad. Only 14 letterwinners return, but 10 started.

The QB post seems to be in capable hands, with senior Larry Biondi and junior Bob Conroy available. The receivers appear to be excellent. These are led by Ray Stukes and soph Steve Wallace. Eric Blattman (6-2, 235) is solid at the tight end spot.

The running backs were hit hard by graduation, though Joe Ciulla returns at full. Up from the sophs are such promising lookers as Joe Cabrera, Rod Sydnor, Jim Pritchard, Gregg Nabhan and Rob Sbarra.

Up front, three starters return—tackle Sean Cannon, guard Geoff Stoner, and center Shawn Fitzgerald. Key tackle reserve, huge Joe Wagner (6-7, 276), also is back.

Defensively, the line and secondary look solid. End Mario Biaggi and tackle Brian O'Hagan return to their stations, while Bob Haskins gained experience at a flank, as did Rich Ruzika and tackle Rico Josephs.

The deep secondary returns Mike Brown, who had five interceptions and Scott Gillespie along with such seasoned people as Hal Robertson, Bill Epling and Steve McCarthy.

The questionable linebacking is headed by Chip Quadri, the lone letterman. Those with some experience are Sean D'Arcy, Clay Jones, Lance Ogiste.

The punting situation is in solid hands, for All-Ivy kicker Eric Blattman (37.6 average on 55 boots) is back. But the placekicking may fall to soph Joe Cabrera.

Tied for fifth among the Ivies last fall, Campbell hopes to push his Lions into the first division.

## YANKEE CONFERENCE

**RHODE ISLAND**—Bob Griffin's Rams made huge strides last fall, winning seven of 10 games and finishing tied for second place in the hard-bitten Yankee Conference. Forty-nine lettermen return from that array to offer fuel for another big season. There are eight regulars back on both units.

The battle to replace QB Steve Tosches is a biggie, with senior Mike Bailey being pushed by soph Greg Meyer. Doug Lewis, who sat out last year, may also be in the picture.

Chris Ougheltree returns as the starting full, but Al Jennings, shifted from tackle is in the hunt. Leroy Shaw is a fixture at tailback, but soph Jon Rogers, out with injuries last fall, may press him. Cal Whitfield, Stan Jones and Red-shirt Shaun Covington all shoot for playing time.

The receiving corps looks great. Dave Frageorgia and Clark Lamboy return as starters, along with '77 regular Rob Welsh. Chy Davidson adds speed. Starter Steve Cimalore returns at slot back. Tackle Dave Bernard and guard Dennis Heck are solid seniors up front, as is center Mike Oliver. Others battling for offensive duty are Ben Ross, John Wallace, Matt Curran and Matt D'Emilio.

Defensively, the Rams look sharp. Ben Bottone is set at one backer post, with Brian Corvese and Bob Menard fighting for the other job. The deep



secondary is seasoned. John Weber and Ken Lee return at the corners, with John Wallace and Larry Butler battling for the free safety spot. Steve Walsh will move up into the other safety role.

The line seems to be in good hands, too, with tackle Paul McNulty, a three-year starter, and nose guard Charley Babbitt leading the charge. Bob DiSano will back up the latter. Bill Hutchinson should move in at the other tackle. Supplying depth will be John Ellis, Keith Ring, Dave Conlin and Mike Achin. Regulars Mike Cruise and Chris Staub are back at the flanks.

Kicking off again will be Rod Graham with Rob Welsh doing the punting. Another to watch is incoming frosh Ralph Guerriero, a 50-yard field goal kicker and punter. Guerriero is also a top-notch receiver and could mate with classmate Terry Lynch, an All-State scholastic QB. Linebacker Gil Rishton is another highly sought-after prospect.

Griffin has been building the Rams solidly, step-by-step, and now in his fourth year, he could shock the rest of the Yankees.

**MASSACHUSETTS**—Despite some overpowering graduation losses. UMass is still the team to beat for the Yankee Conference crown. They were 5-0 last fall, and the Minutemen of Bob Pickett look like they'll be ready to make another charge.

They were 9-4 last season, and runners-up for the Division I-AA championship. Pickett will have to replace 15 starters, but in his first season at the helm in '78, Bob was confronted with virtually the same predicament and managed to make good.

QB Mike McEvilly and tackle Karl Nyholm are the pivotal offensive returnees. Mike is very cool under pressure and he is a natural competitor. His forte is making the big play, and he flipped 12 TD passes.

Marty Paglione and Mike Barbiasz shuttle at the tight end, with Kevin O'Connor and Mike Newell offering exceptional pass-catching ability from the wide spots. The running back corps will be led by Cliff Pedrow, Asa Hilliard, Steve Milkiewicz and Brian Heyworth.

KEVIN SULLIVAN, cornerback, and quarterback MIKE McEVILLY, who had 12 TD passes, paced UMass in 1978.



Up front, some huge, new blood should make an impression. These would be such 240-pounders as Joe LaRose, Fred Read, Chris O'Neil and Bob DeBonis.

Don Sarette is back at center, while guard Steve Wojes, tackle Mike Halpin are solid up front, too.

Defensively, Pickett must repair his front and linebackers. Kevin Sullivan and Steve LeMay return to perform their secondary miracles. Ken Horn, Pete DiTomaso, Scott Crowell, George Lewis and Vic Pizzotti will plug the linebacking spots, while Ray Benoit, Eric Cregan, Dan Petrie and Frank DiTomaso will get first call as the down linemen. Bob Manning and Tony Jesi, plus Todd Powers can work in the secondary.

One of the team's major assets is Sandro Vitiello, super soccer-style placekicker. He made 16 fielders last year, and even offered an ambidextrous toe. Senior Tim Fontaine and soph Ray Larned will continue to do the punting.

The Minutemen have a month to get their act together before they face their three leading Yankee rivals in a row—Boston U., Rhode Island and Connecticut. The outcome of those three games, probably will decide this year's league champion.

**BOSTON U**—Rick Taylor starts his third campaign at the helm of the Terriers with 27 lettermen from an improving 6-4 machine. But for the sake of eight points, the Terriers could have finished 8-2. Still the 6-4 mark was the best at BU in a decade.

"We want to prove that '78 was no fluke," vows Taylor, building a solid Terrier foundation, and perhaps threatening to take overall Yankee Conference honors. The incoming frosh should offer immediate help in the form of depth.

Record-breaking tailback Mal Najarian, first back in the school's history to rush for 1000 yards in a season, returns to trigger the backfield. Meanwhile, tackle Bob Speight is a tremendous escort up front. Najarian, out with a shoulder injury, played in only seven games. Gregg Drew can tote the mail, too. Speight, now a soph, is the first frosh to make All-Yankee. Guard John Cochran will work next to him to open big holes. Guard Dave Bengston might move in at the vacant center spot, with Jim Patrick stepping in as Cochran's mate. Tim McMahon and Frank Krimowski will fight for the other tackle slot.

Jim Jensen has first shot at the open QB job, with tight end Scott Phinney and Neil Boron and Bob Martinez, the splits, serving as top targets.

Besides Najarian and Drew, other promising ball-toters are John Feeney, Ken Thorpe, Sean Weeks, Phil O'Brien and Steve Lawrence.

Defensively, the Terriers look strong up front, with Sam Stepney at end and Tom Pierzga at tackle being stickouts. Frank Punal may work opposite to Stepney, while Chris Lindstrom (6-6, 240) should join Pierzga. There's experience at the linebacker spots in Wayne Clarke, Joe Gregos and Mike Kelleher. Jack Flore, with a lot of potential, had knee surgery and is questionable. Jeff Kirsch, a big soph could solve things.

The secondary looks like it's in good shape. Dan Delia, Dyke Hoy and Al DeLuca are all veterans.

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Jeff Pelin, who did all the placekicking last year, returns as does Sean Weeks, the punter.

Things are definitely on the upswing at BU.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**—Coach Bill Bowes saw most of the people at the skilled positions walk the graduation gangplank, led by QB Steve Wholley.

Still the Wildcats have a solid offensive line returning to build around. The defense may have to struggle early until the reconstruction program takes shape.

Bill Coleman and John Necern should be able to handle the running back spots, while Chris Pinter is a thumper at full. Pete Bergerin may be the QB.

A pair of tackles—Ken Kaplan and Jim Fitzgerald—are seasoned, as are such solid guards as Phil Estes and Phil Hamilton. Doug Romano is a campaigner at tight end.

Mike Marchese, injured last fall, returns at line-backer as does Greg Donahue. Keith Reynolds is a strong defensive tackle, while Doug Gray can play alongside of him at the flank.

Mike Gooden is a stickout in the deep secondary, and should be able to key a strong anti-aircraft battalion there.

Bowes had a good recruiting year and figures to be deeper than he was last season. That should permit the 'Cats to make a strong run for the Yankee title again.

**CONNECTICUT**—The Huskies jumped several notches last fall, the second under Walt Nadzak, winding up tied for second in the Conference after a sorry start.

Nadzak is looking forward to continued improvement, though he's concerned about the havoc graduation has wreaked with his offensive front. Seven lettermen there are missing. Fortunately, their back-field brethren return.

Soph QB Ken Sweitzer figures to spark the attack again. As a frosh, he had the unique distinction of leading the team in passing as well as receiving. Working with him will be such ball-carriers as Tony Jordan, the leading rusher with 744 yards, Jerome Ingram and Ray Jones.

Overall, 14 offensive lettermen will return, including ends Dave Debish, Ken Miller, Bob Phalen; tackle John Corbett, guard Mark Flood and center Jim Raleigh. Rusty Umberger, who saw only brief action, will back up Sweitzer at QB, while Andy McGuire adds depth to the running back corps. Bob Segar, who missed only one PAT and made five three-pointers will be back with solid place-kicking.

Defensively, 11 monogram winners return, led by tackle Steve Beal and safety Pete Lamagna. Joe Kalinowski is seasoned and will work with Beal, while Scott Nier is a solid flanker. Al Burghardt and Greg Hunter will get the first crack at the linebacking post, while Ted Walton, Jody Webb and Darrell Wilson will work deep with Lamagna.

Some other help will come from letterwinners of the past. These would include ball-toter Joe Addison, split end Reggie Eccleston, safety Steve Rose and defensive tackles Dan O'Leary and Jerry Modugno.

Overall, the UConnns appear to be heading in the



JERRY MODUGNO, above, and STEVE BEAL, defensive tackles, are among the returning veterans at Connecticut.



right direction if that early-season schedule doesn't destroy them.

**MAINE**—Talented backs behind a solid, seasoned line will be the Black Bear story this fall. Tri-captains Tom Sullivan and Jon Weed of the offensive frontier, plus Joe Lipinski of the defensive forwards will be pacing the strong corps of linemen. Tackle Rich Leonard and guard Andy Neilson are other vets who'll be opening holes up front for the Maine backs.

Tackle Andy Landers, plus sophs Craig Reynolds and Phil Ferrari, both outstanding prospects, will help Lipinski on defense. Backing them up will be Ted Venechanos, talented soph, along with Steve Vermette and Pete Thiboutot. Returnees in the deep secondary are Matt Slane and Doug Heidt.

Junior John Tursky returns at QB to direct a fairly-explosive offense. Tursky's favorite targets—Pat Madden and Rick Camire—also return. They can go deep. Tight end Dave Higgins is a top one.

The running backs have talent, though they lack experience. Mike Edwards and Bill Blake both were forced out early with injuries last fall. Steve McCue and James Cassidy are young and eager, too. All four can run well.

The schedule looks rugged, but Coach Jack Bicknell's Bears should have some bite to go with their bark.

#### MIDDLE FOUR

**DELAWARE**—Tubby Raymond's Blue Hens came within one tiny point of capturing the NCAA's Division II crown, getting nipped 10-9 by Eastern Illinois in the championship final.

Though 20 lettermen have been lost, including 13 starters, there still are 41 monogram winners back

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to form a solid nucleus that should be able to threaten for national honors again.

Biggest problem will be replacing the No. 1 battery—Jeff Komlo to Pete Ravettine. They set a host of school records.

On hand are 24 players who started at least one game last fall. The offensive backfield is talented. Lou Mariani tallied eight TD's to pace the scoring, and he'll be aided by fellow ball-carriers, Bo Dennis and Ed Wood. Up front All-America Herb Beck at tackle, center Mike Donnalley and end Pete Bistran are stickouts.

Defensively, there are a baker's dozen who started, led by Gregg Larson, Ed Braceland, Mike Bachman and Don O'Shea up front. K.C. Keeler, Steve Panik and Al Minite are all experienced linebackers. All-East cornerback Vince Hyland leads a veteran secondary corps, with Jim Brandimarte, Guy Ramsey and Bob Woods also on hand to shoulder duties.

The kicking game should be outstanding, for punter Mike Schonewolf and record-setting placekicker Brandt Kennedy are both back.

Who will handle the QB duties is Raymond's biggest headache. Senior Scott Brunner will get first crack at the job. Others who'll challenge are Schonewolf, John Davies and Rick Scully. Raymond plans to continue his tried-and-true winged-T.

Some new additions should bolster matters. A transfer from Purdue, Ray Gaszynski, might win an offensive starting line job, while Craig Devries, a Kansas transfer, could move in on the defensive forward wall. Up from the frosh come guard Gary Kuhlman, receivers Jay Hooks, Stacy Palmatary, Mark Steimer, running back Vance Belcher, and tackle John Boc.

Four Division I foes pock-mark a rugged slate, but the Hens figure to hatch another winning campaign.

**LEHIGH**—Coach John Whitehead has plenty of momentum going in the Lehigh Valley, where his Engineers have put together 12-2 and 8-3 back-to-back campaigns, including capturing the Division II NCAA crown in 1977. To keep it going, he must rebuild the offensive line and the deep secondary.

QB Rich Andres, fullback Mike Ford, and halfbacks Matt Ricketson and Vince Rogusky should be able to move the football behind two veteran returnees, tackle Dave Melone and tight end Dave Rarig. The rest of the front was wiped out.

Andres—104 completions in 224 shots for 1388 yards and 13 TD's, was the total offense leader. The kicking game looks sharp with placekicker Ted Iobst and punter Jeff Dunn back for more duty.

John Butkus and Mike Crowe, talented flanks, key a rugged defensive front. Eric Yaszemski at tackle, Bruce Rarig and Jim McCormick at the line-backing roles and safety Keith Conley form the nucleus.

Eighteen lettermen are on hand overall, but lack of depth plus a stiff slate will make it rugged for Whitehead to continue to keep the Lehighs winning.

**LAFAYETTE**—There are 19 starters sprinkled among Coach Neil Putnam's 35 returning letterwinners, and this gives Leopard fans plenty of hope for an

improvement over last year's 4-7 log. Depth and uncertainty at QB are his two biggest headaches.

The signal-calling situation could straighten out if senior Gary Uzelac can recover from January surgery on his knee. The Leopards had a 4-3 record when he went down, and lost their last four. Junior Hal Hocking could step into the breach.

Filling Brian Musician's big fullback shoes looks tough, though Ed Vereb is a solid, tough runner and blocker. He'll mate with Ed Rogusky, a 198-pounder who led last year's rushers. Other toters are Angelo Giombetti, Karl Sivek and Roger Curylo. The receivers are solid, led by Max Shoemaker, who could smash school records this fall, his last. Rich Smith grabbed 28 from his tight end spot, while Jim Flanagan and Sam Clement also have experience.

The offensive forwards will be large. Jim Giombetti or Tom Jackman will move in at center, though tackle Ned Roebuck is a possibility. Ray Garganio will work at the other tackle, while guards Tim Uglow and Dan Everett return.

Defensively, Bob Rasp and Dave Shea will pace the secondary, with Steve Boyanoski fingered to move in. End Tim Gerhart, Little All-America, will lead the front. Greg Sorenson and Bernie Fitzgerald will be at the other flank. Jon Best and Steve Hamer return at the tackles, with linebacker Larry Richardson moving up front. Mike Weber is the nose guard again. Brent Beyer, last year's tackle leader, and Joe Skladany, kid brother of the Detroit Lions' punter Tom, should start, with three sophs—George Wilson, Jeff Leonard, and Ed Wallace—adding depth.

Junior punter Dave Page returns, as does Dave Heverling, who's booted 27 career field goals, including nine from 40 yards or better. Dave needs only 27 points to become the all-time Lafayette scoring leader. Another specialist to eye is Alan Cognigni, 160-pound kick-return whiz.

With all of that experience available, the Leopards appear likely to move onto the winning side of the ledger this fall.

**BUCKNELL**—Thirty-six lettermen, including 18 starters are back from last year's 5-5 Bisons which startled Lehigh and Colgate. A tardy, 1-4 start cost Bob Curtis' machine from achieving a winning record.

The defense looks tough again. In fact, Curtis says, "Never since I've been at Bucknell, have we had this veteran defense returning." Depth up front could be a problem.

Tackles Bob Evans, Dave Mann and Pete Mauritz are tough, while Dave Hibbard and Bruce Keltie return at the flanks. Inside linebacker Joel Kreider will work one spot, while his mate will come from Al Depew, Ken Sikora, Mike Knaub, and Tom Lodge. Joe Catalano and Rich Passerotti are back at the corners. The secondary is intact. Doug Smoot and Tony Rossi will open at the halfbacks, with Jim Gush at safety. Craig Morrison and Gary Vidmer are in reserve.

Offensively, Jim Tomeo, a two-year starter, will be at center again, while co-captain John Campana is back at one guard. Al Wehrhahn, out with injuries, or Darren Ford, probably will serve as his mate. Tackle Mike McDonald has pro potential,

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while Tom Henry is vastly improved. A pair of sophs, John Boehmer and Eric Haft are the backups. Paul Sant'Ambrogio will move in at tight end, with Brian Shaffer and Jeff Lockett serving as receivers.

The big question mark is the offensive backfield, ravaged by graduation. Replacing QB Glyn Lipp is No. 1. Tim Dunn, a senior, might step in. He knows the offense, but a pair of sophs, Joe Donato and Rich Bongiovanni will put up a battle. Paul D'Aloia should be elevated at full, while Al Simmons, last year's MVP back, returns as the top all-purpose runner. Dave Spisak will be at the other half.

Overall, it looks like the Bison defense will have to "Hold that Line" until Curtis can retool his Wing-T attack.

### LITTLE THREE

**AMHERST**—The Lord Jeffs will celebrate their 101st football season this fall, and they hope to rebound from last year's 3-5 disappointment. Coach Jim Ostendarp, entering his 21st season, with a 110-47-3 mark, looks to Mark Manning to again spark the Purple from his QB spot. A back injury cut him down late last year.

Mark, an explosive runner, will be backed up again by Chrise Teare. Leading rusher Bob Steer and Rich Lundgren add thump to the offense, while Bob Sternberg returns for duty after a year's sabbatical in Spain. Up front the frosh are such toters as Ian Crabb and John Hess. Pete Nielsen is a crack split end.

Both lines need replacements. Jim Scheidegger, Bob Waegelin and Kelly Millet, stickout frosh, should help the offensive front. Dave Stebbins, John Moses and Art Hyde return as starters.

Co-Captain Gerry Petros will lead a seasoned deep secondary, with Rich Thompson and Mike Healy also being experienced. Linebacker Brendan Patterson should make his share of stops, as will Dennis LeBlanc, solid nose guard and John Evers, a strong end.

**WILLIAMS**—Bob Lutz will again be the triggerman for Bob Odell's Ephmen who had to rally in its finale with Amherst to earn a triple tie in the Little Three. As a soph last fall, Lutz clicked on 48 of his passes for 741 yards and four TD's. Bob Stackpole and Kevin Hinchey are breathing down his neck.

Halfback Dave Massucco is the solid citizen in a backfield that also sports Vern Davis, Jay Wheatley and fullbacks Gus Nuzzolese and Bill Novicki. Gus missed the '78 campaign with injuries.

Primary targets for Lutz' darts will be Kirt Gardner and Rick Walter. The latter also punts.

The defensive line looks solid, returning intact after holding foes to an average of 10 points per game. Ends Russ Gee and Bob Staiger, tackles Dan Towle and Jeff Desmond, plus Joe Ross all return to shore up the front, but the secondary got wiped out by graduation.

Brian Benedict can fill in at one linebacker role, but Odell's '79 fortunes should rise or fall on the replacements he can find for his departed defensive backs.

**WESLEYAN**—Sixteen Cardinals flew away from coach Bill Macdermott's well-feathered nest via graduation, leaving gaping holes to fill at QB, linebacker and the wide receiving spots.

However, Coach Mac is confident that there is enough experience and depth available, plus a solid incoming class to provide another fine Wesleyan machine.

Tony DiFalco figures to trigger the running offense from his fullback spot as he did a year ago. Junior Jim Baker and Spike Cooney will do some lugging from the halfback spot.

Up front, co-captain and tight end Bob Coolen will pace the forward wall. Joe Chadwick is a solid offensive guard.

The linebacking corps needs to be beefed up, though both defensive tackles—Matt Gantick and Sandy Herzlich return to help stop the basic run. Bob Marrafa is a seasoned defensive flank, while soph Chris Petricone will move in at the nose guard spot. Co-captain Pete Murphy will lead the defense from his safety slot.

Overall, the Cards figure to be in the thick of the fight for Little Three honors if Coach Mac can find the player director, plus a pair of stout linebackers and wide receivers.

### OTHER INDEPENDENTS

**NORTHEASTERN**—Coach Bo Lyons will find 30 letter-winners back from last fall's 6-5 unit that lost three of those games by a total of 11 points.

Leading the loaded charge is QB Allen Deary, junior, QB who set four school passing marks last fall. In Division I-AA, he was second in total offense, fourth in passing. Billy Pinto will back him up. Last year's top rusher, Clint Mitchell, plus speedster "Cake" Russell will supply the halfback juice, while Curt O'Donnell returns to do the blasting at full.

Shawn Brickman and Sal DiBetta heads the returning receivers. Center Jeff Dallas again will be over the ball, while guard Tom Gabriel and tackle Gary Spence return at their stations.

Defensively, ends Dave Fortin and Kip Sternberg, plus tackles Jeff Rice and Fred Baldino return as the Front Four intact. Julius Thompson and Jim Roche again will be the outside backers, while lettermen Ray Nichols, Tony Placido and Ron Files will battle for the inner roles. Keith Welch, Mike Holleran, and Preston Carroll can work the corners with Mark Anderson and Kevin McGee at safety. Pinto again will punt, while Brian Snow will return as the placekicker.

The Huskies' picture is a very pleasant one.

**AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL**—Coach Bob Burke will be shooting for a post-season playoff berth with his Yellow Jackets who were rated ninth in Division II last fall after finishing 6-2-1.

Brian McLean and John Vernon will vie for Ray Borup's old QB spot. If they get the job done, the Jackets should explode again. Bob Bramble can ramble at half, with Tom Tostick and Bill Burke completing the "Busy-bees" attack.

The offensive line is powerful, with center Ed

Cebula anchoring a veteran group. Norm Gallagher and Tom Brubaker return at the guards, with Jim Shea at one tackle. Cebula is outstanding.

Defensively, linebacker Mike Phillips is a stick-out, as is nose guard Todd Lyon. Joe Schroepfer, Bill Rimsa, and Jim Collins are strong up front, with Jerry Azzinaro mating with Phillips at linebacker. Jim Vallis moves to the secondary from his LB post to work with vet Ernie General. Terri Goldson and Jim Seegars return at the corners.

**SPRINGFIELD**—Coach Howard Vandersea hopes to improve his 4-6 operation around a solid defense, led by strong safety Jack Quinn, who received All-America attention. Tackles Dave Magazu and Brad Maserjian are veterans who provide the starch up front.

Dennis DiCicco and Frank Monello will work with Quinn deep, while Mark Harriman is a seasoned linebacker.

Tailbacks Steve Dowd and Norm England figure to spark the offense. Dowd was the ECAC-Division II Rookie-of-the-year, while England led the Chiefs in rushing. Mike Saviano figures to QB, though he's had only limited game experience.

George Richardson, a top thumper, returns at full, while Jon Cherry has excellent hands for a wideout, as does Kevin Kenyon. They'll be joined up front by center Mike Duprey, guards Tony D'Errico and Glenn Pires, plus tackle Ron Rix, all veterans.

**C.W. POST**—Problems on defense might offset a tested offense as The Postmen try to ring up another winning campaign, following last year's 7-2 log. A more rugged chart will make it more difficult for Dom Anile's forces.

Leading returnees on defense included linebackers Dave O'Dell and Bill Bodkin, and deep backs Dehart Washington and Luther Williams.

Offensively, the Pioneers return their top five backs, led by halfback Tom Bennett (898 yards rushing) and QB Dale Pescitelli, who threw for 1059 yards. His two favorite targets—Tom DeBona and Tom Capone—also return.

Some new foes such as Delaware and Dayton make it a challenging slate.

**FRANKLIN & MARSHALL**—Coach Tom Gilburg expects another winning Diplomat eleven, following last fall's 7-2 machine. Seven of the 11 offensive starters return, including Rick Herr, a converted linebacker, who stepped in at QB when Bill Harnett got hurt.

Dave Schlager at guard and Joe Campagna at tackle will open the way for ball carriers Dave Heiges, John Sieber, Mike Duncan and Jim Seiple.

The defense must be rebuilt, especially the secondary. Tackle Ed Van Dolsen, safety Dan Rhoads, and cornerback Terry Moore are key defenders.

Since '71, F & M's record is amazing, for they've won 62 of 71 games.

**GETTYSBURG**—Barry Streeter will build his '79 vehicle around a defense that was one of the toughest in Division II play.

Back are linebackers Rich Swartz and Hayes Reilly, two of the finest in Gettysburg's history. Tom Librizzi backs them up. Tim Chatburn works as an outside LB, returning after surgery. Up front, Craig Swanson is a sterling tackle, while Ed Williams and Andy Medico should be tough at the ends.

The defensive backfield has two returning regulars—Ken Howard and Kim Mindnich.

Offensively, four halfbacks look sharp, including Jeff Ball, the leading rusher. Rapid Jon Scott, Chuck Warner and Chuck Wise are all experienced. QB is a problem, with John Murphy getting first crack at the vital post. Scott Dudak can handle the fullback. Mark Wilson, Bob Zeberlein and Scott Shanley are capable receivers. John Cavolo, Bruce Murphy and Don Towe are seasoned at offensive tackle, with Kevin Kiesel and John DeWan back as the starting guards. Bob Scarabino and Kevin Doyle, who traded off starting, are back at center.

**COAST GUARD**—Though the Cadets were just 3-7 last fall, four of those losses were by a total of 12 points.

Coach Bill Hickey will work with 28 returning lettermen, including 13 starters. Junior Ken Burgess will be tried to fill the ample shoes of QB Mark Feldman. Pete Ryba, John Early and Spencer Byrum will push him for the job. Doug Blakemore, back from the binnacle list, may be a super receiver, while Vic Kelley and Mike Fasen work at tight end.

Fullback will be in the veteran hands of Fred Pendleton. Outside speed will be a problem. Up front, Dan Conty returns at the pivot spot, with the tackles handled again by Mark Guillory and Bruce Hensel. Bob Atkin will be back at a guard spot.

Defensively, Bob McCaffrey will work again at linebacker, with Sumner Tison and Chris Lockwood out front for his mate. Chalmers Brothers and Geoff Beausoliel are solid down linemen. In the deep secondary, Dale Chittenden, Robby Ogg and Rich Stanchi are all seasoned.

Hickey needs a punter, but he has a veteran place-kicker in Orlando Cavallo.

All in all, there's plenty of optimism on the New London campus.

**MERCHANT MARINE**—A much tougher chart faces Pete Carmichael's Mariners in '79, as they try to upgrade their 5-5 situation of last fall.

There is talent available, including 37 lettermen. Some soph backs should trigger an explosive attack. Main cog will be Sam Oncea, darting quarterback, rapid Dean Doe and fullback Mike Maggioncalda.

Oncea cracked four Mariners' marks for passing, while Doe led the ground gainers with 647 motoring yards. Big Mike bulled for 372 more, and made 25 bg catches from his fullback role.

Up front, the Mariners have such seasoned people as center Russ Barry, tackles Joe Lopez and Dennis Fitzgerald, plus guard Ray Bossotti.

Defensively, there's such vets as Chris Reardon, Rick Testa, and Ted Knight in the deep secondary, Pete Davis backing up the line and Matt Deeter and John Tuite at the tackles. Bill Corrigan is at one flank.



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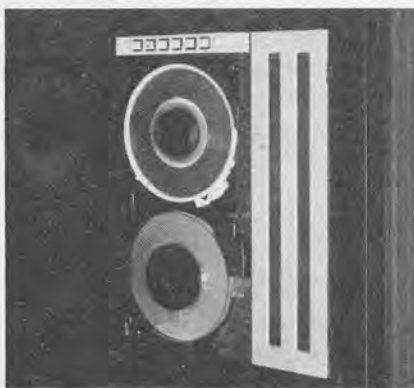
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## PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

## Eastern Division

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| 1. Bloomsburg       | 4. Kutztown  |
| 2. East Stroudsburg | 5. Cheyney   |
| 3. Millersville     | 6. Mansfield |

## Western Division

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|------------------|---------------|
| 1. Clarion       | 5. Lock Haven |
| 2. Indiana       | 6. California |
| 3. Slippery Rock | 7. Edinboro   |
| 4. Shippensburg  |               |

## Eastern Division

**BLOOMSBURG** (6-4, 3-2)—The return of nationally-ranked running back Mike Morucci (6-2, 205) makes the Huskies favorite for the Eastern Division title. Morucci ran for 1169 yards in nine games last season. Four other All-PC players return in split end Ed Bugno, defensive tackle Bob Schwalm (5-9, 215), defensive end Kurt Pettis (6-3, 225) and linebacker Howie Gulick.

**EAST STROUDSBURG** (10-1, 5-0)—Coach Denny Douds has a massive rebuilding job if the 1978 championship Warriors hope to approach last year's record. Only three starters, end Ray Yakavonis (6-5, 250), linebacker Warren Brown and halfback Ray Cianni, return from a defensive unit which permitted only 159.5 yards and 6.9 points per game. The key returnees on offense are quarterback Barry Kennedy and end-punter Jim Villani.

**MILLERSVILLE** (6-3, 2-3)—The Marauders should be tough on defense with four All-PC players on hand. Super-quick Will Lewis and Rob Riddick are a talented pair of defensive backs. Linebacker Chris Ciatto and middle guard Mike Marcks (5-11, 210) spearhead the forward wall. Work is needed on offense, especially in finding a quarterback to throw to top receivers Aaron Wyley and Don Humphrey.

**KUTZTOWN** (2-7, 1-4)—The Golden Bears have a talent-laden backfield. There are two All-Conference running backs in Don Shaver and Ron Day and a pair of experienced quarterbacks in Vic D'Ottavio and Mark Verica. Linebacker is expected to be the strong suit on defense with Walt Michaels Jr., son of the New York Jets' coach, and Carl Haberstroh.

**CHEYNEY** (7-3, 4-1)—The Wolves enjoyed their best football season in six years in 1978, but heavy graduation losses will make it difficult to repeat. There is a king-sized offensive line featuring guard Zen Wallace (6-2, 245), center Ted Bonfield (6-1, 265) and tackles Mike Brown (6-5, 275) and Chandean Oliver (6-2, 250). The backfield must be rebuilt. Defensively, the team's best are tackle Larry Morton and linebacker Charles Wood.

**MANSFIELD** (1-8, 0-5)—The Mounties must bolster their offense in order to move up in the standings. The defense should be strong with linebackers Ron Clarke, tackle Mark House (6-5, 220) and strong safety Bob Vagonis the key returnees. The offense will be built around guard Steve Sassani, running

back Jim Mazonkey and quarterack Sal Butera.

## Western Division

**CLARION** (8-3, 5-1)—Al Jacks, one of the most successful college division coaches with a 104-38-5 record, begins his 17th year at the helm of the Golden Eagles. He likes the looks of his offensive attack, which has players returning in all the skill positions. Gary Frantz (5-10, 200) already holds the school career rushing record. Bob Beatty and Dave Skok may alternate at quarterback again and will throw to ends Dan Kohley and Gary McCauley.

**INDIANA** (4-5-1, 2-4)—Three-time Little All-American defensive end Jim Haslett is gone, but the Indians have 17 other starters back. New Coach Owen Dougherty has a strong passing game with quarterback Bob McFarland and end Terry Skelly. The defense will be sparked by linebacker John Link, team leader in tackles with 153, and tackle Joe Cugliari (6-4, 250).

**SLIPPERY ROCK** (6-3, 4-2)—The team with the colorful name will play one of its games (against Shippensburg Sept. 29) at the 104,000-seat Michigan Stadium as part of the Wolverines' Band Day. The fans will see a Rocket team led by two All-PC defensive players in aptly-named free safety Skip Quick and tackles Herb Allen (5-11, 215). There are two capable quarterbacks in Mike Sachire and Chuck Sirko.

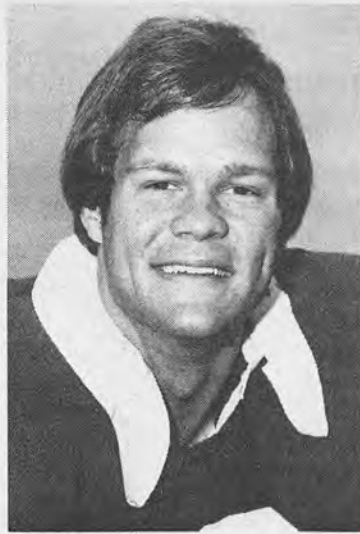
**SHIPPENSBURG** (7-3, 5-1)—The Red Raiders will have two receivers, All-Conference Todd Chronister (38 catches) and Steve Looney (33), in search of a passer. Gone is All-PC quarterback Scott Knudson. Bob Potts should get the first shot at the position. Tackle Joe Kachnoskie (6-3, 215) will head the offensive line. Top defensive players are All-PC safety Brian Clement (eight interceptions) and linebacker Dave Weaver.

**LOCK HAVEN**—(1-8-1, 0-5-1)—The Bald Eagles can move the football. They averaged better than 308 yards per game last season. The heart of the offense returns in tailback Joe Speese (1075 yards), quarterback Dan Spittal (2282 yards, 17 touchdowns) and mammoth center John Wolgamot (6-6, 320). Defense is a problem. The opposition chalked up 320 yards per game, which resulted in the disappointing finish.

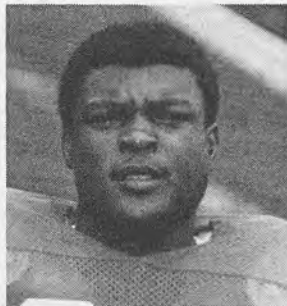
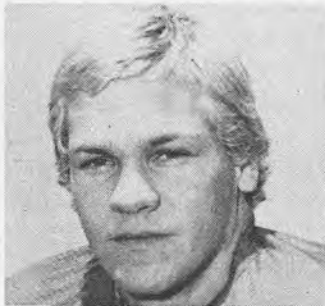
**CALIFORNIA** (2-7-1, 1-4-1)—The Vulcans think they have a chance for their first winning season in nine years. The optimism is based on the presence of 36 of 44 lettermen. Linebacker Bill Seidel (6-1, 228) is a two-time All-Conference choice and is considered one of the East's best (Steve Socrates (6-2, 218) and Scott Orndoff (6-1, 210) also are strong linebackers. Carrying the burden will be running back Jim Floyd.

**EDINBORO** (3-6-1, 3-3)—The Flying Scots have a new coach in Denny Creehan, who was captain of the school's 1970 Lamert Bowl championship team. The team's two top offensive operators, leading rusher Andy Parma and quarterback Rick Shover, are back. Ken Petardi is the team's lone All-PC returnee.





MAJOR OGILVIE, left, averaged 6.5 yards per carry, gained 583 for Alabama. STEADMAN SHEALY, center, quarterback, an outstanding runner as soph, is coming back from knee surgery. DWIGHT STEPHENSON was All-SEC center.

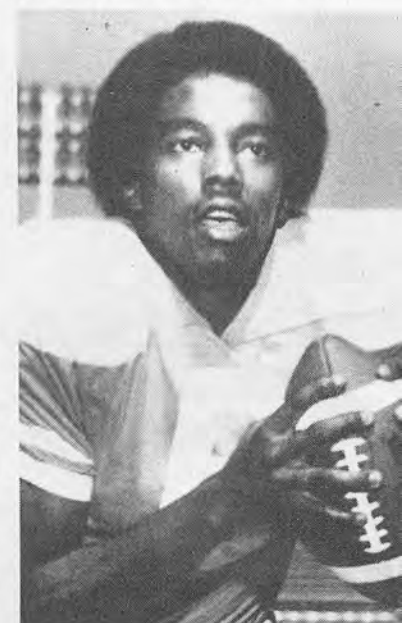


LINDSAY SCOTT broke Georgia record with 36 grabs, 484 yards as frosh.

JEFF PYBURN, upper left, returns for fourth year as Georgia quarterback.

SCOTT WOERNER excels at cornerback returning punts for Georgia Bulldogs.

HOKIE GAJAN, left, tries to fill void in LSU running game. JOHN ADAMS, Tiger punter, rated top flight DE.



TERRENCE WALKER, 255-pound guard, plays major role again for Ole Miss.

ROLAND JAMES, 3-sport star at Tennessee, rates as future pro cornerback.

JIM MILLER, Ole Miss barefooted punter, paced nation with 45.9 average.

JIMMY STREATER, Vols' quarterback, rolled up 2011 yards last season.





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## Deep South

### BEAR AND 'BAMA PURSUE 12th SEC TITLE WITH GEORGIA AND AUBURN CHASING

#### PREDICTIONS

##### Southeastern Conference

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|----------------|----------------------|
| 1. Alabama     | 6. Louisiana State   |
| 2. Georgia     | 7. Mississippi State |
| 3. Auburn      | 8. Florida           |
| 4. Tennessee   | 9. Kentucky          |
| 5. Mississippi | 10. Vanderbilt       |

##### Independents

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| 1. Florida State | 5. Louisville           |
| 2. Tulane        | 6. Southern Mississippi |
| 3. Miami         | 7. Northeast Louisiana  |
| 4. Memphis State | 8. Tennessee State      |

##### Ohio Valley Conference

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Eastern Kentucky | 5. Murray State     |
| 2. Western Kentucky | 6. Middle Tennessee |
| 3. Tennessee Tech   | 7. Morehead State   |
| 4. Austin Peay      |                     |

##### Gulf South Conference

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| 1. North Alabama       | 5. Delta State   |
| 2. Troy State          | 6. Livingston    |
| 3. Jacksonville State  | 7. U Tenn-Martin |
| 4. Mississippi College |                  |

The race goes on and on and on but the fox always seems to win. In this case, the fox is Paul (Bear) Bryant, now beginning his 35th year as a head coach, his 22nd at Alabama, his alma mater.

His Alabama team must be selected once again as the most likely champion of the Southeastern Conference, and certainly a contender to repeat as the national champion. Bryant had no more than nailed down the No. 1 spot a year ago with that muscle-bending conquest of Penn State in the Sugar Bowl than this 66-year-old hit the recruiting trail. It is a matter of record that Bryant personally did more traveling and courting prep stars and mothers and fathers than he had ever done before.

What does Bear tell them? Only he knows, but he might point out to the youngsters that if they come to Alabama they can be part of the team that breaks Amos Alonzo Stagg's all-time victory total. Bear now has 284 victories, needs 31 to break the 314 record. Barring ill health he's a cinch to do it because the school will not force him to retire until he becomes 70.

Bryant has the same tools as his rivals, national and regional: Good talent, strong fan and school support, hard-working assistants, imagination, dedica-

tion. But Bear goes one step further. College football has probably never had a coach who was a better motivator.

Bryant does not "sell" the lure of All-America tags, or Heisman trophies, or a low draft choice in the National Football League. He sells "team." Alabama has never had a Heisman Trophy winner. Bryant's prize pupils are seldom even close. You won't find his best runners near the top of the statistics. This is not the premium at Alabama.

Johnny Musso, Wilbur Jackson, Tony Nathan, electrifying star of 1978, had Heisman talent. But you didn't hear much about that.

Bryant platoons his platoons. Nathan never was allowed to play an entire game on offense and pile up yardage. But he was always fresh when Alabama needed him in the big games. Bryant sells this concept to his players and you seldom hear a dissenting word from his troops. The motivation is team rather than self.

Alabama now has won 11 conference titles under Bryant, seven in this decade. He has lost only 24 games in 21 years, 6 to Tennessee, 5 to Auburn and the others scattered among the schools down the line.

So, the chase never ends. Georgia was the only serious rival in 1978, winning five and tying one. Again Georgia figures to lead the charge as Coach Vince Dooley employs quarterbacks Jeff Pyburn and Buck Belue in an offense that is fundamental if not sensational. Georgia was the last conference team to whip the Tide. That was 18 games ago early in 1976. Now, the Tide has a 17-game string. The league record is 20.

Doug Barfield at Auburn is also mounting a serious challenge, fighting also the prospect that the school will be on NCAA probation. Auburn made significant progress a year ago with strong running and an improved defense.

Tennessee, slowly rebuilding under John Majors, is apparently groomed to whip some of the bigger boys on the block. The Vols have more speed than in recent years and if the defense holds up the record could be quite good.

Ole Miss will ride on the exceptional talent of quarterback John Fourcade. This sophomore may be a great one. Louisiana State is a puzzle, playing one last year under Charley McClendon.

Mississippi State, a big disappointment in Bob Tyler's farewell year, is tabbed for seventh, followed by Florida, Kentucky and Vanderbilt. At Kentucky, Frank Curci lost six regulars in a shocking non-football caper. Emory Bellard, the new man at Miss.





**BILLY JACKSON**, 'Bama fullback, is a breakaway threat who raced for 568 yards last season, which included 87-yard jaunt.



**WAYNE HAMILTON** leads Crimson Tide's pass rush at 6-5, 228 from defensive end post where he took All-SEC honors in 1978.

State, is installing the wishbone he used with notable success at Texas Aggies. Florida fired Doug Dickey and brought in Charley Pell, who piloted Clemson to an 11-1-0 mark a year ago. Vanderbilt is starting over once more under George McIntyre, successor to Fred Pancoast.

Among the independents Bobby Bowden's Florida State Seminoles lead again. The Seminoles should have gone to a bowl again last winter but they waited for an invitation that never came and lost out on some others. But Bowden mixes passes and runs about as well as any coach in the business and this versatility is too much for most of his foes.

Tulane is unpredictable but the potential is there for a winning season and more. Miami is making a fresh start with Charley Thornton as athletic director and Howie Schnellenberger as head coach. However, Schnellenberger will have the benefit of good recruiting in recent years by Lou Saban, now head coach at West Point. Memphis State is fighting back after an unusually dreary season which is made darker by an NCAA investigation that points to a probationary sentence.

Vince Gibson has made remarkable progress with Louisville's Red Rags. The team will be tough again. Bobby Collins always has a team at Southern Mississippi that plays its best games against instate rivals, Ole Miss and Miss. State. Coach John David Crow did a great rebuilding job at Northeast Louisiana last year and has a stronger team returning. Tennessee State, now in Division 1-A, suffers from schedule problems, but Coach John Merritt, recovering from a serious heart attack, will have several pro prospects as usual.

The All-America candidates are headed by Roland James, Tennessee cornerback, and Dwight Stephen-

son, Alabama center. Ron Simmons of Florida State has the credentials to qualify as the No. 1 middle guard in the nation. Miami's rebuilding will start around Barry Gonzalez, a defensive end well above the pack. Florida's Scot Brantley, a standout since the day he put on a Gator uniform, now has the experience and cunning to rate with the best. Frank Warren, defensive tackle, gives Auburn the same kind of superlative performance. Auburn's Joe Cribbs is just as outstanding, a running back who has the muscle and durability to turn the tide of a game. Mardye McDole of Mississippi State has already proved his excellence as a wide receiver but the team's new Wishbone attack may put him in the shadows. Jim Miller of Ole Miss provides the punting that gives Ole Miss a decided edge over most foes in the kicking department.

### SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

**ALABAMA**—The MacArthur Bowl, the Grantland Rice Award and assorted other prizes that go with national championships have been secured in the giant trophy case.

Now, at Alabama, it is time for business as usual, an encore of the outstanding season past, a continuation of the success that peaked in the Sugar Bowl, a foot or two from the goal where Penn State plunged and failed to penetrate.

Alabama '79 will be strong. The offensive line returns, shoulder to shoulder the same, Buddy Aydellette, Mike Brock, Dwight Stephenson, Vince Boothe and Jim Bunch.

The defensive front is powerful, perhaps stiffer of whiskers. The names you'll know. There is proven power in the wishbone, returning winners in the secondary, experienced kickers, bright new hopefuls all around, schedule not as strong.

Is Alabama automatic? Some superstars are gone.

"I've never been around a team that had as many outstanding players as our team had last year," says Bryant, setting up a plea for sympathy. He was thinking about Marty Lyons, Barry Krauss, Jeff Rutledge, Tony Nathan, Rick Neal, Murray Legg. Maybe he had in mind Rich Wingo and Rickey Gilliland. All are among the alumni.

The champs had some clout.

Bryant has a couple of concerns. Steadman Shealy (186) will be superb at quarterback if he's 100 per cent healthy. He had a knee repaired in the spring of '78, contributed about 500 yards to last season but was not himself. Steadman was not hit this spring. The coach decided if Shealy is hurt again, it will be in real combat, not practice.

Shealy is clever at wishbone decisions, very good as a runner, adequate as a passer. Tommy Wilcox, Don Jacobs and Alan Gray are lined up, waiting. Jim Bob Harris was another spring quarterback but he'll show up at safety.

Major Ogilvie (180), Steve Whitman (224) and Billy Jackson (195) are top running backs, different, each with special skills. Ogilvie averaged 6.5 per carry last season, gained 583, scored eight touchdowns, blocked beautifully.

Whitman is a blaster who lost two yards in 80 car-

ries, netted 364. Jackson is explosive, a breaker who had a long run of 87 and totaled 568 for the season.

Mitch Ferguson, a starter in '77 before an injury, John Hill and Joe Jones provide important depth. Bryant will find others.

Tim Travis (220) is the tight end, ahead of two good ones, Bart Krout and Buddy Holt. Keith Pugh (185) returns as split end (20 catches, 446 yards). Bobby Marks and Timmy Clark will play.

Aydelette (218) and Bunch (233) are tackles, Brock (228) and Boothe (230) are guards. Stephenson (224) may be the All-America center. Eddie McCombs, Scott Allison, Joe Robbins, Bill Searcey and Wiley Barnes are important reserves.

This line is a meal ticket. Alabama led the SEC, was eighth in the NCAA, in rushing stats (287.1 per game). The Tide produced more than 30 points per Saturday.

Alabama also led the league in rushing defense and scoring defense. The team permitted two touchdowns a game. Bryant thought that was entirely too much . . . for a really good outfit.

The defense looks to the line for leadership. Wayne Hamilton (228) and E.J. Junior (215) return as ends. Byron Braggs (260) and David Hannah (240) are big-time tackles. Warren Lyles (230) is again the middle guard.

Hannah could be the key to improvement. He missed virtually all of 1978 with knee troubles but came back to play half a game against Auburn. David is the brother of all-pro John Hannah of New England and Tampa's Bay's Charles Hannah.

Hamilton is an exceptional pass rusher, a former all-conference star who missed considerable action with aches and pains. Junior is a cutter and slasher. Ten times he trapped rival runners for losses, four times he caused fumbles. E.J. blocked one punt.

Gary DeNiro was a big-play end last season who might get somebody's job. DeNiro scored 15 hits behind the line.

Other defensive depth comes from ends Mike Pitts and John Mauro, tackles Scott Homan and Joe Beazley, nose guard Curtis McGriff, trimmed down to 6-5 and 265.

Alabama will be young at linebacker. The famous ones are gone, leaving Randy Scott (210) and Thomas Boyd (198) as probable starters, Robbie Jones and Ricky Rozzell in reserve.

Senior corner Don McNeal (185) leads the secondary. This is his third starting season. Don has excellent speed.

Ricky Tucker (170) is a veteran safety, Harris a year younger but just as talented. Mike Clements (171) starts at corner, Keith Marks (192) at strong safety. Ben Orcutt, Bobby Smith and Jerrill Sprinkle are added strength.

Woody Umphrey (39.4 average) returns as punter, Alan McElroy (58 points) as placekicker. Alabama recruited well. Bryant will play a freshman occasionally.

**GEORGIA**—Vince Dooley is still smiling about how Georgia fooled all the experts last season, shook up the Sugar Bowl, won nine in a rebuilding year.

Vince didn't exactly cry "Wolf, wolf" but he let some of the most knowledgeable sportswriters and sportscasters in the land be totally wrong. The shrewd coach didn't saw off their limb but he let 'em all gather at the weak end until it broke.

The Bulldogs were picked last year as low as last in the SEC, generally about eighth. They came within a play of first, took a tie with Auburn and eased the pain in New Orleans.

The Sugar Bowl has a conference tie-up which prevents repetitious returns if there is a deadlock at the top. New faces get the invitation. Bowl fathers fretted about Alabama holding No. 1 in America and Georgia threatening to be No. 1 in the Southeastern Conference.

"Ah, that was last year," says Dooley, still grinning.

"Now do you replace someone like Willie McClendon? He broke the single-season rushing record at Georgia that had stood 37 years. He was the league's player-of-the-year. Where are we going to get another McClendon?"

Answer: There are none.

The coach does not belabor other losses: runner-up for the Jacobs blocking trophy, one of the busiest linebackers in school history, a great pair of tight ends—quality graduates he calls them.

"We have a chance to be stronger physically," says Dooley. "We may not be as fortunate as in 1978. I thought we were just plain lucky. The difference in the score in five games added up to six points. Four of those were wins. Switch those points around and we could have had a losing season. As it was, we lost seven of 11 statistically."

Poor old Georgia will have to struggle on with the finest one-two quarterback situation in the South. Three-year starter Jeff Pyburn has the job and talented sophomore Buck Belue wants it.

Pyburn (6-0, 205), son of assistant coach Jim Pyburn (former Auburn standout), is a leader who gets the job done without being a spectacular star. He is powerful, alert, aggressive. Some consider Jeff a blacksmith in a watch factory, but when healthy his results have been outstanding.

Last season Pyburn completed 54 per cent of his passes and had the Bulldogs nationally ranked at 8-1-1 when he and the team got off to a miserable 20-0 deficit against Georgia Tech.

Belue came running to the rescue, twice turned fractured plays into dramatic successes, saved the game, an intense rivalry, and won a small army of believers.

Georgia has a good supporting cast: fullbacks Jimmy Womack (5-9, 194) and Ronnie Stewart, tailbacks Matt Simon (185) and Ed Guthrie, transfer from Penn State.

McClendon rushed for 1312 last season. Womack gained 395, Stewart 252, Simon 135 . . . if you believe in comparisons. The Bulldogs recruited brilliantly. Freshmen Stanley Nash and Carnie Norris could help carry the ball.

Georgia has a prospective all-star among the receivers, split end Lindsay Scott (185), SEC rookie-of-the-year, 36 receptions, 484 yards, a school record.



Lindsay led the league in kickoff returns with the second best average (26.5) in conference history. He broke one for 99 to open the second half against LSU.

Anthony Arnold (165) is the starting flanker. Reserve wideouts are Jay Russell and a host of hopefuls.

Carmon Prince (6-3, 193) has switched from flanker to tight end. If he isn't the answer, freshmen Guy McIntyre and Norris Brown will have a chance.

Center Ray Donaldson (250) and guard Nat Hudson (240) lead the offensive line. Tim Morrison (242) and Ashley Madray (234) are starting tackles. Matt Braswell (231) is an All-SEC returnee at guard.

Line supporters are tackles Mac Thompson, Marty Ballard, guards John Akacki and Jeff Harper, center Hugh Nall, switched from guard.

Cornerback Scott Woerner (186) is the official standout on defense. His sophomore stats include four interceptions and 277 yards of punt returns, second best in the SEC.

Jimmy Payne (238) may be the Bulldogs' defensive star. He was penciled in as a tackle but looked good enough at linebacker that Dooley is tempted to try it. The big sophomore can run and arrives in a bad mood.

Robert Goodwin (207) is another key. He's the tackle in a revamped three-down-linemen defense. Guards are Eddie Weaver (273) and Joe Creamons (214). Ends are Gordon Terry (201) and Pat McShea (207).

Kenny McCranie, transfer from Florida State, Keith Bouchillon, Randy Cook, Ralph Warthen and Tim Parks are in the reserve front.

Danny Rogers (213), freshman Will Forts and Larry Rucker (217) are linebackers, Rogers the probable starter.

With Woerner in the secondary are Pat Collins (189), Jeff Nipp (188) and Bob Kelly (176), returning regular. Hopeful helpers are Greg Bell, Sylvester Elkins, David Archer and Tim Martin.

Placekicker Rex Robinson is a force, top kick-scorer in the league with 29 consecutive extra points and 15 or 17 field goals.

**AUBURN**—Doug Barfield is about to have his best Auburn team. The Tigers have all the basics . . . 46 lettermen, 14 returning regulars, a veteran quarterback who rarely errs, explosive backs, speed at the flanks, strength in the middle on defense.

Auburn does have a problem. An NCAA penalty has removed one goal. A bowl trip at the end of the rainbow isn't likely.

This is Barfield's fourth year as head coach, his first senior class. Eighteen who came in the beginning have stayed to earn at least two letters each.

"This is the biggest group of seniors since I've been head coach," said Barfield.

Barfield is concerned about depth. He hopes to have several Tigers prepared to play more than one position. He'll stay with the 5-2 as Auburn's base defensive alignment. The offense will likely include some I-formation and some split backfield so Joe Cribbs and James Brooks, both big-yardage tailbacks, can play at the same time.

The Tigers still think they should have been a bowl team in '78. They finished 6-4-1 but won only once in November.

"We fouled up badly," says tackle Jim Skuthan. "We should have won eight."

Cribbs (190) did his part. The tailback missed the opener with an injury, didn't become a starter until the fifth game but gained 1205 yards and scored 16 touchdowns. Joe was over 100 yards in seven games, ripped Georgia for 250. Cribbs destroyed Vanderbilt with five TDs.

Barfield has a statistic he likes better: Cribbs did not fumble in his last 236 rushing attempts!

Cribbs broke nine Auburn records, ranked 11th in NCAA rushing, chipped in some more mileage as a kick returner.

Brooks (167) may be just as good. He was better in September '78. James had the starting role until he suffered a broken foot in the Miami game.

In less than four games, Brooks racked up 534 yards, averaged almost six per carry. James had scoring runs of 72 and 68 against Kansas State and set up the winning points against Tennessee with a 71-yard dash. Barfield shakes his head and wonders how the season would have gone had Brooks and Cribbs competed each week for the attention of defenses.

Chester Willis (198) is the new fullback, a spot vacated by Willie Andrews. Ed Dubose is in reserve. Mark Robbins (190) is the flanker, ahead of Byron Franklin. Rusty Byrd (159) plays split end with courage. He snagged 14 passes for 220 yards last season. Robbins had 13 catches for 250. Franklin caught 10 for 213.

Auburn's air game was not particularly effective. The Tigers passed for three touchdowns.

Charlie Trotman (176) is the quarterback, solid but not spectacular. His decisions and ball-handling are excellent. He contributed but 151 as a runner, 760 as a thrower, hit 47.7 per cent, lost nine interceptions.

"Last year we had the fewest turnovers in the Southeastern Conference," points out Barfield. That's high praise for the quarterback.

Foster Christy (220) has grown up to be the tight end. Mike Locklear will support at that demanding position. George Stephenson (244) is considered the line leader at a guard. He is very consistent, rarely misses an assignment and has the knack of playing his best against best opposition.

Skuthan (260) is the other guard. Brad Everett (241) and Keith Uecker (245) are tackles. Bishop Reeves (226) is the center. Kip Green, Bill Grisham, Mark Clement, Phillip Hall and Claude Mathews combine to provide decent blocking depth.

Auburn has firepower on defense, a fierce one-two punch at linebackers, Freddie Smith (210) and Harris Rabren (225), and a pair of outstanding safeties, James McKinney (194) and Clifford Toney (182).

Tackle Frank Warren may prove to be the toughest Tiger. He's 6-5, 267, a junior who is still learning and improving. Frank led his team in big plays last season, blocked a punt to win the Virginia Tech



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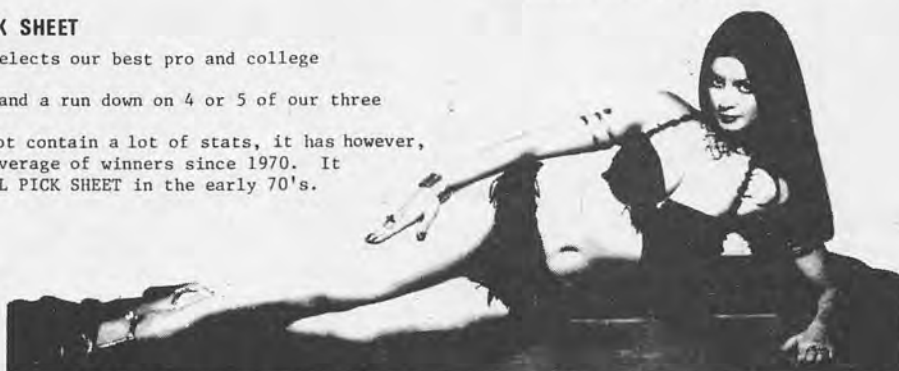
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game, recovered a fumble in the end zone for a tying TD against Florida, broke in on Mississippi State and sacked the quarterback to stop the Bulldogs' most serious threat.

End Charles Wood (192) is a swift one, too, a big-play prospect who prides in pressuring quarterbacks. His partner will be Zac Nardy (219). Marshall Riley (248) goes with Warren at tackle. Marvin Williams (253) is middle guard.

Smith was headed for All-America honors as line-backer until felled by a knee injury. He was slow bouncing back from surgery and spent much of last year as a hot patch . . . some LB, a running back in practice, a starting cornerback in one game. Barfield says Freddie is well. That means he's fast.

McKinney was All-SEC safety as a sophomore but had hamstringing troubles last season. Toney was the best Tiger in the '78 secondary. He had five interceptions. Jerry Beasley (176) and Johnny Green (182) start at corners. In reserve are Glen Hawkins, Bob Harris, Ken Luke and Mark Dorminey. Ken Hardy, Greg Zipp, Ed Nelson, Dennis Rogers and Ray Rollins are line depth. Danny Skutack and Ricky Westbrook help at linebacker.

**TENNESSEE**—Still unaccustomed to football mediocrity, the Volunteers hope to resume its rebuilding program where it was discontinued last season.

The Vols started back up the proverbial hill two seasons ago with John Majors, a favorite son, at the controls. Majors recruited well. He motivated what he had. His team played hard. It was 1-4-1 limping into November.

Something happened. Tennessee knocked out Duke, 34-0. The Volunteers were much better against Notre Dame than the losing score. They finished in a flurry, sweeping past Ole Miss, Kentucky and Vanderbilt.

It wasn't done with mirrors. Jimmy Streater suddenly lived up to expectations at quarterback, charged into the Tennessee record book as the all-time single-season total offense champ. He didn't look to have a chance in October, actually lost his starting role for a week.

Streater, with spectacular gyrations near the ground and 51 per cent success in the air, produced, in the end, 2011 yards. He helped fill stadiums to overflowing and gives this Tennessee team hope of better things to come.

Streater's size is a secret. The school says he is 6-1 and 161. Teammates whisper Jimmy is really 164. They still call him Bird . . . short for Birdlegs.

Cornerback Roland James is another reason for rising optimism. He is 6-2, 190, runs the hurdles in track, rates No. 2 on the NFL prospect list of defensive backs in America.

James intercepted seven passes last season, returned one for a TD, hauled back punts and gave the defense at least a touch of solidity. It is significant that Streater and James were excused from spring football for baseball and track participation.

Tennessee's offense, besides Streater, will have a bright new cast of running backs: freshman Glenn Ford (193), sophomores James Berry (182) and

Terry Daniels (172), junior Hubert Simpson (200), senior Gary Moore (202).

Simpson was a starter last season, pounded out 524 yards, second to Streater's mad dashes. Moore carried five times last season, Daniels 20, Berry 41. Ford was red-shirted.

Moore showed big-time ability as a kickoff return specialist (backs qualify for such duty if they are not skilled blockers), averaged 25.7 running into enemy waves.

Sophomore Jeff Olszowski and senior David Rudder are quarterbacks when Streater is wounded.

Reggie Harper (214) is a tight end with finesse. He led the Vols in receiving last season, 31 for 356 yards. Two other active catchers, Jeff Moore and Billy Arbo, are gone.

In their place are young burners, more rewards from recruiting wars. Anthony Hancock (180) is the probable starter at split end. Mike Miller (179), just learning to run routes and force his hands to accept the ball, could be the No. 1 flanker. Miller is a dash star in track. Hancock still thinks he can outrun Miller.

Phil Ingram, slowed by spring injury, and signees Clyde Duncan and Willie Gault bring more speed to the receiver ranks. Kyle Aguiard supports Harper at tight end.

Tennessee had to replace two good offensive linemen, center Robert Shaw and guard Charlton Webb. Coach Joe Avezano decided on six to fill five holes. Tackle Phil Sutton (234) and guard Bill Marren (250) return. Sophomore Lee North (249), switched from defensive tackle, is the center. Lanky Tim Irwin (6-7, 264) has moved in at tackle, Mike Jester (235) at guard. Jay Williams (265), former starter at tackle, is now a swing sub, available at tackle, guard or center. Other linemen who can help are tackles Jani Trupovnieks and Tim Daniels, guards Marshal Revis and Doug DeJarnatt, center Alan Lynn.

Tennessee's defense was middle-of-the-league last season on blood and guts and still is not physical. The Vols are short on linebackers and defensive ends and unsettled in the secondary.

James, linebacker Craig Puki (220) and middle guard Jimmy Noonan (5-10, 233) are leaders. End Steve Davis (219) and tackle Lee Otis Burton (229), an outstanding sophomore, are close.

Brad White (228) returns as a tackle but faces stern competition from soph Charles Gillespie (242). Danny Spradlin (222) is a starting linebacker with Chris Bolton not far behind.

Brian Ingram (215) may win an end assignment. Or it could go to Mark Rosenbaum or an incoming freshman, perhaps Mike Cofer or Mike Casteel.

Others who can help up front are Kenny Jones, Craig Cantrell, Lemont Holt and Carlton Gunn.

Greg Gaines (188) hopes to recover from knee troubles and reclaim strong safety. Val Barksdale, inefficient last year because of injury, is a slender blade at free safety (6-1, 175, tightly trimmed). There's a tournament at the corner opposite James. The winner could be Danny Martin or Junior Reid or Wilbert Jones or Darryal Wilson. Clark Duncan and Mike Terry can help at the safeties.

Alan Duncan, soccer-style kicker trained in Africa and the son of Baptist missionaries, contributed 65 points last season, 13 of 17 field goals, five in one game to tie a conference record.

Dale Schneitman returns as punter but still faces in-house competition.

**MISSISSIPPI**—There are several reasons to believe the Ole Miss Rebels are ready to get off the roller coaster that was last season and start a nice, smooth, steady ride toward the top.

1. The Rebs have stability at quarterback, or at least a chance for it, in sophomore John Fourcade.

2. There is experience in the offensive line, bought and paid for last year when Coach Steve Sloan had to do a juggling act to get a unit together, in view of injuries and a crucial suspension.

3. Striking power in two veteran linebackers and a rugged middle guard puts hair on the chest of the defense.

4. Potent kicking game, one of the best in the country, will mean points on the scoreboard.

Sloan may have been a natural optimist until struck by the deep disappointments of 1978. His first team at Mississippi took off in an up-and-down pattern, a win, a loss, a win, another setback. It slumped out of cycle at midyear, took three defeats that stung, got back on the every-other-week success plan, took a bad whipping in November and recoiled with a marvelous effort.

That was the grand finale, a 27-7 upset smash over rival Mississippi State, a game to be remembered as Coach Bob Tyler's last with the Bulldogs and Fourcade's finest freshman performance at quarterback.

The rookie came in with a flair but wasn't as good as he thought. His finish was better than many expected and now Fourcade is judged to have big-league potential.

Fourcade (6-1, 210) completed only 41.9 per cent of his freshman passes, ranked third among Rebel runners, accounted for five touchdowns but showed leadership ability, a fighting spark. He was coached to get down and avoid injury but would ram forward for a vital yard. John came with courage.

Roy Coleman shared quarterback duties last season, still has a claim. Redshirt junior Jim Lear and freshman Ronnie Skinner have hopes.

Mississippi has good firepower in the offensive backfield but must turn to youth for depth. Reg Woullard (185) shows enough class at tailback to free Fast Freddie Williams (177) for flanker. Leon Perry (212) missed spring drills with an ankle problem but is considered the returning fullback.

Perry led the Rebels in rushing last season with 673 yards. Williams had almost as much and matched Leon with 4.6 per carry. Freddie, who really is fast, set the team pace with 30 receptions and is expecting to do more catching and less carrying from scrimmage in his new position.

Freshman Melvin Brown will assist at tailback. Several signees from an outstanding recruiting haul, maybe Kinny Hooper or Buford McGee, have an opportunity to join the running back race.

Jarratt Price backs Perry at fullback, Edward

Reed is behind Williams at flanker.

Ken Toler (185) is Mississippi's best split end. Billy Wise (227) and Billy Denny (225) are close in competition at tight end. Norman Seawright is a junior wideout prospect. Gone from the receiver ranks is big Curtis Weathers.

The offensive line will feature center Chuck Comiskey (6-5, 252), back in business after a year in the penalty box, imposed in a gutty decision by the coach before last season started.

Chris Cottam (248) and David Traxler (235) still haven't officially settled one tackle position. Mark Moore (265) is ahead of Pat Phenix on the other side. Greg Jefcoat (233) is one up on veteran Terrence Walker at one guard. Mickey Thames (229) and Marc Massengale (212) are ready to wrestle for playing time at the other.

Competition among offensive linemen will almost certainly help the attack. So will place-kicker Hoppy Langley, 11 of 18 in field goals, 18 of 19 extra points in an off year.

Rebel defenders will look to linebacker Eddy Householder for leadership. He's 6-2, 225, chart leader in hits last season. Brian Moreland (232) returns as Eddy's partner.

Middle guard James Jordan (240) has a crusty disposition. Tackles John Johnson (275) and Quentin McDonald (236) have potential but less experience. Ends Eric Smith (205) and John Peel (210) can make big plays. Peel recovered four fumbles as a junior, was third among Rebels at getting enemy runners stopped.

Supporting the first front are ends Steve Dearie and Clay Erwin, tackles Tim Ott and Jimmy Hawkins, noseman Steve Searfoss. Behind the starting linebackers are Danny Robertson and Phillip Wyllie.

Corner Jon Fabris (6-4, 198) is a bright light in the secondary, combative against the sweep, around the ball if it's thrown to his area.

Two sophomores, Brad White (170) and Phil Freightman (180), are starters in the defensive backfield. Both played well as freshmen, White at corner, Freightman at safety. Jerry Spore (191) is the strong safety. Available are Mike Fountain, Conrad McCrary, John Burrow and Joel Stewart.

Ole Miss has a big weapon is punter Jim Miller, national leader in 1977, All-SEC last year with 43.2. Miller kicks barefooted.

**LOUISIANA STATE**—Sometimes it isn't easy to say goodbye.

Coach Charlie McClendon's last season as head coach at Louisiana State may not be a soft and silky way to go. It was bad enough to face a tough schedule without Charles Alexander, the best running back in Tiger history.

About the time Alexander the Great gathered up his old socks and jocks and moved out of the dressing room toward the NFL, Coach Mac got the word that he'd be going too . . . after this season. Assistant coaches scattered. It was time to go.

But the old warhorse stayed, recruited well, had a crisp spring practice, vows he'll fight to the finish in the finest LSU tradition. McClendon has a job offer



in athletic administration, a chance to continue his Baton Rouge affiliation that started in '53. Maybe he'll take it, maybe he'll move on.

McClendon's last Tiger team will have to move to avoid destruction. There is good talent in the skill positions on offense, exciting receivers, competitive running backs, respectable quarterbacking. The offensive line has a freshly scrubbed look.

Linebacking appears sub-par and there is a void at placekicker.

Now, about the business of replacing Alexander, hot in the past Heisman race, school record-holder for career yardage, 1435 in total offense last season, 16 touchdowns, many through heavy traffic.

"You don't replace a Charles Alexander," says the coach. "He was unique. We don't intend to send Hokie Gajan out there at tailback and tell him, 'OK, you do what Charles did.' I don't think that'd be right."

Gajan (204) will put his shoes in those big tracks as best he can. Hokie has speed, quickness, toughness and experience. He gained about half as many yards as Alexander and took half as many shots from the headhunters.

LeRoid Jones shares tailback. Jude Hernandez, homegrown sophomore, 204, is the fullback ahead of medically-restored Danny Soileau, 217-pounder who missed most of last season with injury.

David Woodley is the returning regular at quarterback, No. 3 among team rushers, a 51 per center in passing but low in touchdown production. Woodley is 6-2, 188.

Steve Ensminger, starting quarterback in times past, is bigger and more highly regarded by pro scouts. David and Steve will share the role, and that's a form of security for Coach McClendon.

Carlos Carson (5-10, 173) is the prime receiver, a rabbit on a football field, 21 yards per catch last season, down in points to 18. Carlos caught five TD strikes in his splashing debut into college football, set a world record with another scoring catch on the first pass of his next game . . . six receptions, six scores . . . back when he was a boy. Carson was not able to maintain the pace.

Lionel Wallis and hurdler Orlando McDaniel back Carson at split end. Jerry Murphree (198) is the splitback, ahead of Tracy Porter. The wideouts have speed.

New at tight end are Robert DeLee (228) and Sam McCage.

The Root Hogs are gone. The distinguished offensive line which led Alexander through hard times took degrees and went away. New tackles are Charles McDuff (263) and Ed Stanton (242). Guards are Pat Lonergan (232) and John Watson (240). Center is John Ed Bradley (220).

The second offensive line includes tackles Kerry West and Bob Esmond, guards Tom Tully and Miles Valentine, center Marty Dufrene. From all indications, it is a nice group but not to be confused with the Root Hogs.

All-star possibilities are on defense at LSU. Ends John Adams (231) and Lyman White (222) are anchors. White led the Tigers with 91 stops, caught 14

foes behind the line, caused 10 fumbles, recovered four. He was a wrecker.

Adams scored 61 tackles, trapped the enemy 16 times. He is an imposing 6-3, runs the 40 in 4.6 and is a good bet for best-athlete-on-team.

Benjy Thibodeaux (242) returns at left tackle, spectacular wrestler George Atiyeh (240) at middle guard. New at tackle is Ivan Phillips (238).

Both linebackers are replacements, Tommy Frizzell (217) and Jerry Hill (220) for departed George Cupit and Thad Minaldi.

The secondary is intact . . . and strong. Chris Williams (198) picked off eight passes from cornerback, returned 25 punts for 249. Willie Teal (185) has enough speed to attract the NFL. He's a safety. Marcus Quinn (200) is the strong safety, James Britt (193) the other corner.

LSU's second defense features tackles Mark Ippolito and Demetri Williams, ends Jay Blass and Bill Farrel, noseman Robbie Mahtook and linebackers Mike Turner and Mike Johnson. In the second secondary are Dennis Kimble, Scott Watson, Robert DeRuttel and Vince Ahearn.

Tight end Malcolm Scott, linebacker Albert Richardson and tailback Jesse Myles probably have the best chance to help . . . help . . . help!

**MISSISSIPPI STATE**—Even the season-ticket holders aren't going to know these new Mississippi State Bulldogs.

Oh, the nickname is still the same, a hint of maroon remains here and there. And, the wishbone is back. You do remember the wishbone?

But this is a new day in Starkville. Emory Bellard came to do the coaching, brought his assortment of pipes (not necessarily peace pipes) and the blueprint that helped make Texas A&M a winner. He changed the defensive thinking and drilled hard on fundamentals. Insiders say there is a definite sense of direction to the team, that it is going forth toward a successful season, refusing to look back at the breakdowns of 1978, the 2-4 record in the Southeastern Conference, the crushing conclusion.

The Bulldogs were low last December. They lost the finale to Mississippi, a game that started out to be an upset and ended as a thrashing. There was controversy in the camp. Some wanted Coach Bob Tyler to go, others were fiercely loyal.

Tyler went. Bellard came from self-imposed mid-year resignation in College Station, Tex. He found excellent running backs, one of the prize receivers in the country, a bull of a linebacker and a burning desire to do well.

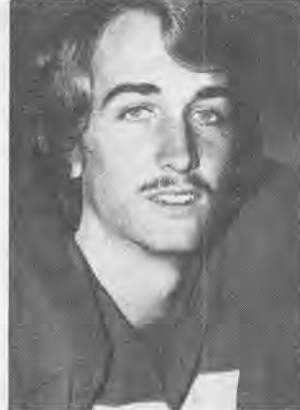
Bellard installed his wishbone. The Bulldogs spent the spring of '77 on a similar project, only to see it scratched in November of that campaign. Older players recalled the switch.

The Bellard wishbone has new options and splits. It will feature James Jones (200), Len Copeland (205) and Fred Collins (240) coming at you with the football.

Jones averaged 5.3 per carry last season, gained 687 yards, scored 10 times running, three as a receiver, punched in three two-point conversions, fin-



MARDYE McDOLÉ, left, of Mississippi State, led SEC in catches in 1978. JAMES JONES is versatile scorer.



CRIS COLLINSWORTH, left, solid as soph wingback at Florida which returns vet linebacker SCOTT BRANTLEY.



ished third in the SEC high-point race, seventh in the country.

Collins contributed more than 400 yards in a campaign that leaned on the passing of gone-pro David Marler.

Mississippi State has other talented backs . . . James Otis Doss (nicknamed The Hoss), Stanley Howell and Donald Ray King. Quarterback Dwayne Brown shows promise as a runner. He's 6-1, 180, a junior who has at least a thimble of experience. Gary Schaffhauser still hopes to help at QB.

Best-known footballer at State is split end Mardye McDole (195), SEC leader as a sophomore with 48 receptions for 1035 yards and seven touchdowns. He's the All-America type . . . if he gets the ball enough.

Otis Lockhart, David Ellis and Steve Jordan are other wide receivers with less to do in the wishbone than they had in the air raid. Ellis had 20 catches last season.

The Bulldogs have trained blockers in the offensive line. Roman Grace (250) and Alan Hartlein (245) return at tackles, Matt Edwards (230) and Alan Massey (245) at guards. Center Bill Bell (230) is a sophomore with less experience but good promise. Arthur Wiley (210) is the tight end. Next in line, across the line, are tackles Steve Price and David Premont, guards George May and Anthony Jenkins, center Greg Benefield and tight end Steve Fleming.

Mississippi State has switched to a 4-3 defensive look. That prompted some learning among the seven returning regulars. Former tackle Tyrone Keys (255) is now called an end. Middle guard Keith Jackson (245) became a tackle since the Bulldogs so longer have a middle guard. End Don Edwards (215) is a linebacker. So it goes.

Johnnie Cooks (235) is the linebacker most State opponents know best. Cooks led the team with 73 individual tackles and 42 assists. Fourteen times he trapped enemy backs for losses.

Rusty Martin (195) joins Cooks and Edwards as linebacker starters. Lonnie Green (255) is a first-team tackle, Glen Collins (245) a No. 1 end.

Behind the front four are Jerry Gillikin, Buzz Goodson (ends), Chuck Maier and Jackie McCorvey (tackles). Sub linebackers are Glen Buford, Ricky Williams and Mike McEnaney.

Kenny Johnson returns at free safety, the only

established star in the secondary. This nimble 170-pounder had three interceptions last season, batted down eight balls, recovered two fumbles and made entirely too many tackles . . . 51.

Willie Jackson (190) and Don Burrell (190) are starting cornerbacks. Rob Fesmire (180) is the strong safety. Greg Williams, David Bean, Randy Griffin, Brad Bean and Larry Friday can play defense.

The kicking game faces an overhaul. Kickers and key returners are gone. Illinois transfer Danny Brown could be a major factor.

**FLORIDA**—This is no secret mission Charley Pell is undertaking at Florida. The target may as well be up in lights. Everybody knows the goal.

The new coach is supposed to accomplish what the previous coach failed to do. Pell is charged with driving the Gators to greatness, fighting off Florida State and perhaps, at last, winning the Southeastern Conference. For Florida, that is something never done.

Pell came from Clemson like Three-Minute Oats. He did not hesitate. There is talent on this Florida team, tremendous recruiting potential in the state, hungry, ambitious alumni who want to get the Gators going. This could be the scene of national accomplishment, even surprise.

Florida has a strong defensive front, all-star linebacking, experience if not excellence in the secondary. There is a remarkable athlete at wingback, hope among runners, four established starters in the offensive line.

Pell will provide motivation. That is a trademark. His Clemson teams competed.

Charley inherited a Doug Dickey team that slumped to 4-7. He had to build a ground attack. Florida was last in the SEC in 1978 rushing statistics, 130.8 yards per Saturday, 10 touchdowns for the year. Alabama, for example, pounded out 31!

Pell prefers the I-formation. Sophomore Cal Davis (186), leading gainer as a rookie with 497, is the tailback. Carl Prioleau, rescued from the scout squad, can assist. Shannon Burch is a maybe.

Terry Williams (199) kept his fullback assignment. John Whittaker, former defensive end, 6-3, 230, may be better in certain situations.

There is an overgrown question mark at quarterback. John Brantley (174) is the returnee, the prob-



able No. 1. He threw for more than 1300 yards, had more interceptions than TD passes, ran fairly well but was sacked so often, he finished with seven yards rushing.

Brantley missed most of spring drills with an injury. Tim Groves, possible No. 1 QB, most likely No. 2, was also sidelined. James McClellan and Tyrone Young got most of the work. That left the coach some unfinished business.

Cris Collinsworth is something special at wingback, 6-4, 192, rare speed, natural smarts. This class player is called "Cadillac" and those who picked the nickname weren't being cute.

Cris, All-SEC as a sophomore, led the Gators with 39 receptions for 745 yards and nine touchdowns. He averaged 26.3 on kickoff returns, took one all the way against LSU. This former quarterback is an added threat to throw off a reverse.

He did it all against Georgia . . . 22-yard sweep to set up a score, a 33-yard touchdown reception, a 56-yard kickoff return, a 36-yard touchdown pass. When you throw one and catch one and run all around, it gives the defense problems.

Johnny Smith backs Collinsworth. Darrell Jones (190) is the split end, ahead of Johnny Gaffney. Bill Bell returns at tight end. He's just standard size, 6.2, 216, but there's a big man behind Bell, Van Jones, 6-6, 230.

Veteran linemen include guards Mark Midden (244), Harold Galloway (235) and Jim Subers (239), tackle Bill Bennek (244). Ray Lawrence (224) has the center assignment. Joe Wickline (244) is the other starting tackle. Greg Barrow, Wally Hough, Jay Johnson and Gary Lenard are in reserve.

Florida's defense, scarred by injury and big plays a year ago, has significant potential. Linebacker Scot Brantley (229) is a possible All-America and some say Scot is no better than linebacker David Little (218).

Brantley is a three-year starter who led the '78 Gators with 193 hits and five interceptions. Five times in his career he has been lineman-of-the-week in the South.

Little has comparable stats . . . 138 tackles, four interceptions, three trapped quarterbacks, three fumbles caused, two recovered.

In front of those two headhunters are former linebacker Yancey Sutton (219) at end, David Galloway (248) at tackle and the best pair of middle guards in the league, Dock Luckie (262) when there's a power game going on, Robin Fisher when it's time to speed.

Tim Golden (217) starts at end, Steve Tanner (243) at tackle. Rod Brooks, Dozyier Hinton, Steve Eisenbarth and Bubba Pratt join in giving the Gator front a muscular look.

Jim Kreiss, Fernando Jackson and freshman Mike Ricketts are capable linebackers.

There are 14 letters of experience in the Florida secondary, seven Gators who have started at one time or another. Bill Fiorillo (178) and Kyle Coburn (182) have the edge as cornerbacks. Chuck Hatch (187) is a rugged rover. Juan Collins (204) returns as regular safety.

Vernon James has three letters, Derrick Burdges two. Either could start without causing a major dropoff in efficiency. Skipper Peek and Nap Green are experienced corners.

Pell was pleased by spring progress in the running game, is seeking passing improvement.

Pell recruited well, even on short notice. Florida may have incoming freshmen who can help, especially runners and receivers.

**KENTUCKY**—Few operations in college athletics have had to bite the bullet as often or as hard as the Kentucky Wildcats.

Coach Fran Curci lived through the Sonny Collins controversy, whispers of point shaving, a murder investigation. He survived an NCAA penalty of two years probation, for recruiting violations. Now Fran is living with a sentence he handed down, the suspension of eight players, a spin-off from a grand jury investigation of rape and sodomy charges brought by a faculty member's daughter.

Somehow, Fran Curci has kept his balance.

He was hired to pump life into Kentucky football and Fran did it, peaking the Wildcats for a Peach Bowl championship in 1976 and a 10-1 record in 1977, stopped short of another bowl venture by the NCAA edict.

Now the coach is trying to find a place to go from 4-6-1 last season. Thirteen Kentucky starters played out their careers. Ten other lettermen departed. Caught in the one-year suspension are starting quarterback Larry McCrimmon, top runner Randy Brooks and a first-team defensive back, Venus Meaux.

Curci was never promised a rose garden but he must be wondering why somebody didn't tell him life was so full of thorns.

Kentucky was a chance to bend a few face masks and test new rib pads with its defense. Middle guard Richard Jaffe (240) is a winner, one of the best two in the Southeastern Conference. Corner Larry Carter has been doing the job for three seasons, pulled five interceptions last fall, returned punts with courage and skill (354 yards, 12.2 average). Ritchie Boyd (6-4, 215) is imposing at safety.

Linebacker Lester Boyd (6-4, 215) isn't as famous as doctor-to-be Jim Kovach but is a capable leader at linebacker. Boyd played behind Kovach and Kelly Kirchbaum last season but climbed to runnerup on the hit list (61 individual tackles, 37 assists, three strikes behind the line).

Tackle Tim Gooch (231) has experience, as does end Don Fielder (215). But end Dave Lyons (199) and tackle Kevin Kearns (235) are redshirt freshmen, trained only in the combat of practice, not games.

Ends Dan Chase and Steve Correll, tackles Rollie Skur and Luis Lopez and noseman Effray Brooks range from freshmen to senior but all are similar in their experience shortage.

Sam Simpson and Carl Marrillia are behind Boyd and Chaney as linebackers.

Kentucky's secondary seems stable with Chris Jacobs and Greg Motley in partnership with Carter



**RICHARD JAFFE**, senior middle guard, was All-SEC pick for Kentucky in '78.

**LARRY CARTER**, Wildcat defensive back, breaks loose against Virginia, returning punt 86 yards for a touchdown last season.



and Boyd. John Bow, Dave Meers, Greg Long and Ben Johnson provide depth.

There'll be times Kentucky has the ball. It figures to end up in the hands of freshman tailbacks Chris Jones and Ron McGahee, perhaps handed to them by freshman quarterback Robert Mangas.

Mike Shutt (194), senior without many notches on his gun, is the Wildcats' No. 1 quarterback. He appeared in three games last season, had a 18-yard run against Virginia, completed 10 of 20 passes, two for touchdowns.

That's more than Mangas has done.

Shawn Donigan (215) is the first fullback, ahead of veteran Rod Stewart. Felix Wilson (175) is a splendid wide receiver, good for 43 catches last season, 727 yards. Felix fled with an 80-yarder against Florida. Freshman Bill Prewitt is the backup flanker.

Doug Vescio (two catches in two games as a junior) has moved up to start at split end. He's 5-11, 170 and quick. Talented sophomore Jim Campbell (211) is the tight end. Alfred Agee and Scott Petersen are ready in reserve.

Two other sophomores, Kevin Kay (238) and Leon Shadowen (220), have advanced to claim starting spots in the offensive line. Both are tackles.

Tom Kearns (240) is the lone returning regular up front, a battle-tested guard who grew up in Lexington. His partner is Steve Hricenak (230). Ken Roark (217) is the junior center.

Behind the best blockers are Mickey Cochran, Dave Bond, Mark Gillespie, Brent Edwards and Gary Van Deusen.

Kentucky recruited a long-distance punter, Randy Jenkins, and has a reliable placekicker, Tom Griggs (six of nine field goals, not as long as the coach would like on kickoffs).

"Conceivably we could have a more exciting attack and be able to do things we couldn't do all last year.

"We held several young players out of action last season. Their were times we would have liked to use them, but we felt their chance to develop and our future needs were more important."

Those "future needs" are upon the Wildcats.

**VANDERBILT**—A new coach, a veteran back, a different attitude but the same old problems . . . that's the story at Vanderbilt.

George MacIntyre, with the Commodores once before as a Steve Sloan assistant, is now in charge of reversing the Vandy direction. For three previous seasons, the team has gone 2-9. The school is starving for success.

Frank Mordica (6-1, 198) is the prize player, a tailback who went over a thousand yards last season, averaged 6.2 per carry, riddled the Air Force for 321 and five touchdowns, leaving Southeastern Conference and school records scattered in the wake.

The new outlook can be traced to the new coach, his staff and new Athletic Director Roy Kramer. They believe Vanderbilt can survive in the big leagues despite stern academic requirements and a small, antiquated stadium.

The problems remain. For years there has been a money squeeze while attendance wavered and costs soared. Nobody ever promised it would be easy being a Vanderbilt.

MacIntyre says this campaign is clearly a question mark.

"I think we might win the Ohio Valley Conference," said the coach.

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**FRANK MORDICA**, Vandy senior, rushed for 1065 yards in '78, including SEC single-game record 321 yards—five touchdowns—against Air Force.



**MIKE RALSTON**, at 6-5 used height to advantage at offensive guard for Vanderbilt and is regarded as All-SEC pick in '79. He's been moved to center.

how dedicated they were this summer. Even my wife told me we were going to need all the luck we can get."

Vandy has considerable offensive potential. Van Heflin (220) is the quarterback in the split-back veer. He's a bull of a runner who will force defenses to make an important decision: Key the QB and risk serious damage from Mordica on the breakaway or invite Heflin to keep it and run over somebody.

Mordica has been timed by pro scouts at 4.38 seconds for the 40. He broke a 79-yard touchdown run against Alabama.

Tough Terry Potter (195) is the other regular running back. Eddie Hood and Mike Dunster are next in line. Transfer Jeff Swab supports Heflin at quarterback.

Preston Brown (182) brings unusual speed to flanker. This big-play artist runs 9.3 and has home-run kickoff returns sprinkled on his record (100 yards against Ole Miss, 90 against Arkansas, etc.). Preston missed much of last season with a fractured leg.

Charles Edwards (183) is the split end. Wamon Buggs and Bart White are anxious to assist.

Vanderbilt's offensive line showed dramatic spring improvement. All-conference candidate Mike Ralston (6-5, 242), a previous fixture at guard, is now the center. Large Ronald Hale (6-6, 310) made impressive spring progress at tackle. Mark Matlock (244) is Hale's partner, Loie Hudgins (261) and Ken Ham-

mond (240) the new guard tandem.

John McCain (213) and veteran Flavious Smith will share tight end.

Blocking reserves, some with experience, include Tom Woodroof, David Funk, Keith Phillips, Marshall Cheatham and Greg Simmons. David McCullers should be good enough to help.

Ringleader of Vanderbilt's defense will be strong safety Ronnie Myrick (188), a four-year starter and the brand of hitter that wins "Mean Man" awards at some schools. Myrick plays despite injuries, ranked second in stops last season. Ronnie made a memorable tackle two years ago, pinning Alabama fullback Johnny Davis for his first collegiate rushing loss.

Sophomore Carl Allen (190) is the free safety. He won a job as a rookie. Corners are Charles Harris (191) and either Roy Williams (166) or Mark Brown.

Sophomores start at linebackers. Andy Ervin (205) is an aggressive hitter and Andrew Coleman (230) brings size and strength to the inside battle. John Pointer, an oldtimer with three letters, figures as a valuable reserve.

Vanderbilt yielded 303.9 yards rushing per game a year ago and if that figure is to come down, the defensive front must dig in. Ends will be Norwood Ervin (208) and Lester Mack (204). Tackles are Ricky Dean (240) and Rodney Gurley (239). The middle guard is Tom Moore (240).

Ervin made 31 tackles as a 1978 end. Mack is a converted running back. Moore won playing time at noseguard as a freshman. Gurley stopped 51 runners in the tackle area a year ago. Dean moved up from the reserve ranks.

The Commodores often have depth problems. Key replacements up front are ends Mike Mitchell and Phil Swindoll, tackles Bill Wilson and Hal Lewis and noseman George Blocker. Kenny Cole joins Pointer as linebacker support. The second secondary features Jack Chandler at a corner, Frank Mansella and Jim Sherman at safeties.

Vanderbilt's place-kicking responsibilities are on sophomore Mike Woodard. He hit 19 of 20 extra points and five of eight field-goal attempts as a freshman. Cody Whitt or signee Jim Arnold will do the punting.

## INDEPENDENTS

**FLORIDA STATE**—"Success in the previous two seasons puts pressure on us," says Bobby Bowden, Florida State coach. "Now the fans expect us to win every game. I don't mind that but nobody, NOBODY goes undefeated."

That must mean the Seminoles will lose a game or two this autumn, although there is no obvious reason to anticipate such failure. In three years at Tallahassee, Bowden went from the dumps to 5-6, 9-2 and 8-3 finishes, a dramatic turn of events.

Florida State has emerged with a high-octane offense, a passing attack that ranked No. 3 in the country last season. This squad has 18 returning regulars, the throwers, catchers and runners of 1978,



RON SIMMONS, left, is star middle guard for Florida State while JIMMY JORDAN handles the signal-calling.

the leader of the offensive line, the middle guard who allegedly grows horns just as the ball is snapped.

Ron Simmons is the nose man, 6-1, 235, good enough to dominate.

"We haven't played against a better middle guard and I haven't seen a better one on film," says Bowden. "I think Ron Simmons is a genuine All-America. He's done for our defense the past two seasons what Tony Dorsett did for Pittsburgh. He's helping us be somebody."

Florida State plays best when it has the ball. Quarterback is the most solid position on the squad, co-starters Wally Woodham and Jimmy Jordan, both dart throwers, and a runner, Rick Stockstill, in reserve.

Jordan threw for 14 touchdowns, 1427 yards, hit 54.3 per cent last season. Woodham completed 58 per cent, netted 1322 and put nine in the end zone. It was almost share-and-share-alike.

Flanker Jackie Flowers (190), split end Kurt Unglaub (175), tight end Grady King (200), full-back Mark Lyles (230) and tailback Homes Johnson (186) are all primary targets . . . if you're looking at the Seminoles from safety.

Flowers led with 43 receptions for 757 and seven scores. Jackie's replacement, Sam Platt, got seven touchdowns, too.

Sometimes FSU runs with the football. Johnson rushed for 817, Lyles for 641. The Seminoles averaged 411.1 per Saturday.

Capable players one notch from stardom include runners Greg Ramsey and Gator Cherry, receivers Phil Williams, Sam Childers and Bill Keck. The coach predicts there'll be some competition for playing time.

Tom Brannon (248) is the only stranger in the offensive line. Returning regulars are all around . . . tackle Ken Lanier (260), standout guard Mike Good (245), center Gil Wesley (210), co-starters Les Adams (233) and Greg Futch (240) at the other guard.

Good and Wesley have been in the lineup four seasons.

"This line isn't as big as some I've seen but it has

been through the wars, knows the rigors of college football, has the savvy it takes to win," says Bowden.

The coach seems to like his line. Close are Barry Voltapetti, Jeff Field, John Madden and Danny Collier.

All-America defensive end Willie Jones has gone to the pros but Simmons has good company on defense. Scott Warren (210) is a three-year starter at end. Arthur Scott (226) filled the Jones vacancy. Returning tackles are Mark Macek (255) and Walter Carter (245).

Behind the front five are Scott McLean, Garry Futch, James Gilbert, Jeremy Mindlin and Edenbur Richardson.

Reggie Herring (205) came to Florida State as a defensive back but grew up to be a leading line-backer. Keith Baker, only 5-10 and 185, is Reggie's starting partner. Bryan Cobb and Charlie Ferguson are close. Paul Piurowski may want a job back, if he's well.

Ivory Joe Hunter (180) is big-time in the defensive backfield. He led the squad in 1977 interceptions, went out early last year with a broken leg, is again hale and hearty.

Francis (Monk) Bonasorte (180) missed spring drills but says he'll be the strong safety again. Hector Gray (186) and kick-blocking Bobby Butler (165) are the corners. Homer Thomas, Keith Jones, Gary Henry and James Harris are prepared to play.

Dave Cappelen has kicked 169 points in three seasons, enough to hold the school record. He was seven of 12 in field goals, 39 of 40 on conversions. Rohn Stark is the punter.

**TULANE**—Sooner or later the sun had to shine again on old New Orleans. Tulane football is waiting, eager, ready for something good.

Coach Larry Smith, 9-24 for three years of digging foundations, sawing framework and putting in the plumbing, is hoping to have a powerhouse . . . well, at least a house of some kind with a roof that doesn't leak.

The Smith staff has supposedly recruited well and the blend of hot new talent and hard-earned expertise should make the Green Wave a winner this year, maybe a bowl team.

Seventeen starters are available, 15 projected as probable first-teamers for the early September shootout with Stanford. The biggest gap is in the offensive line. Smith is trying a fast shuffle to plug one problem. Defensive tackle Arnie Diaz (250) is now an offensive guard.

Skill positions have people with battle stars. Roch Hontas (192), honorable mention All-America, is cranked up for his fourth fling at quarterback. Roch led the country in passing accuracy as a sophomore, dropped off to 56.8 per cent last season against a schedule that included five bowl teams.

Marvin Christian (5-11, 207) returns at tailback. He rushed for 879 last season, caught 27 passes for 225, returned kickoffs.

Alton Alexis (180) has started 33 consecutive games as a split back, has 75 career receptions, ranks No. 2 in Tulane history. He wants more.



Jeff Jones (201) returns at fullback, a step ahead of Mike Jones and Willard Browner. Terry Harris backs Christian, Marcus Anderson plays behind Alexis. Nick Hall and Tommy Hightower are reserve quarterbacks.

Darrell Griffin (177) is the split end, Rodney Holman (220) the tight end. Nolan Franz and Clayton Jones are on ready.

Rob Indicott (249) returns as offensive tackle. Diaz has been through the furnace on the other side of the ball. New blockers are Scott Morrell (249) at tackle, Leo Janson (238) at center, Carl Duvigneaud (234) at guard.

Chuck Pitcock, former starting guard, leads a second unit of Dwain Holland, Chris Doyle, Richard Conte and Al Simons.

Wilfred Simon (212), middle guard, junior, plays defense as All-Americans are supposed to play. He scored 97 tackles in nine games as a sophomore, 10 against Pitt, 14 against Georgia Tech, four in the Yellow Jackets' backfield.

Junior linebackers Frank Robinson (195) and Marty Wetzel (230) are also vital cogs of the Green Wave defense. Robby led the team in tackles, Wetzel was runner-up. Marty twice picked off passes in the end zone. Coach Smith says these two play for keeps.

Bob Becnel (230) returns as an end, or outside linebacker. Kevin Cole (251) and Bill Lichtenstein (235) have seized the tackle positions. Donnie Rice (196) is outside, opposite Becnel.

Former tackle Tom Cheviot is No. 1 with the No. 2 defensive front. Jeff Roberts, Sylvester McGrew, Brian Douglas and Clifton Jones can assist. Waiting to play inside linebacker are Gary Brown and Fred Hicks.

Steve Hubbell (182) sets the pace in the secondary. Smith says Steve is good enough at safety to cause quarterbacks to look away.

Returning corners are Mike Sims (170) and Phil Townsend (195). Terry Daffin (185) is the monster. The second defensive backfield includes Nolan Gallo, Nate Jones, Frank Wills and Robert Moses.

Big gun for Tulane is soccer kicker Ed Murray, 57 points last year, 151 in his career. Ed hit 12 of 18 field goals, missed once inside the 35, kicked a 54-yarder against Memphis State.

**MIAMI**—Miami has some positive points: good feeling about the finish of 1978, exciting new head coach in Howard Schnellenberger, 33 returning lettermen, a dozen starters, another strong incoming class, maybe as good as last year's recruits, the best in 53 years of Hurricane football.

Schnellenberger switched from the NFL to college coaching without leaving town. He had been Don Shula's offensive coordinator for the Miami Dolphins, will most likely install the routes and reads of the pro passing game for the Hurricane. Selection of old pro Earl Morrall as quarterback coach and 12-year pro Larry Seiple to teach receivers supports that supposition.

Miami success won't be entirely up to the coaches. Mozell Axson, nicknamed The Axe, has already earned a place among the school's all-time outstand-



BARRY GONZALEZ, left, heads Hurricanes' pass-rush. MOZELL AXSON took part in 126 tackles last season.

ing linebackers. He'll call defensive signals in '79.

Barry Gonzalez is a chaser at defensive end. He hounds quarterbacks and pounds the sweep, has a flair for big plays. Twice he killed fourth-quarter Florida drives last season with interceptions.

Did they matter? Miami won the finale by a point, first victory over the Gators in eight years, first winning season in five.

Miami finished 1978 with three consecutive victories, a good foundation by Lou Saban, departed coach. Lou played the younger generation and that should help Schnellenberger's take-off.

Axson (226) and Herb Jackson (215) are returning linebackers. Gonzalez (219) and fellow flank Johnnie Daniels (214) have experience to share. But Miami's interior defensive front is new: tackles Bob Nelson (230) and Lester Williams (258) and middle guard Jim Burt (243).

Williams is supposed to be sensational, sometime soon. He was America's No. 1 prep star two years ago, played in all 11 games last fall.

Behind the starters are ends Pete Upperco, Tim Flanagan, tackles Pat Magee and Bob Hays, nose-man Tony Chickillo and linebackers Charles Cook and Scott Nicolas, busy enough last fall to score 59 tackles.

Gene Coleman (178), cornerback, led the Hurricane in TD-saving stops and that is a vital statistic. He returns, along with corner John Swain, 185-pounder who intercepted two passes and found two fumbles.

Fred Marion (193) is the safety, Dave Jefferson (207) the monster. Jerry Pope (9.4 in the 100), Mark Smith and Brian Eastburn are key reserves.

Ken McMillian (190) may win the quarterback assignment. There's been a tournament involving Mike Rodrique, James Boone, Jim Kelly and Mark Richt, who has closely cropped hair much like Coach Morrall.

McMillian started eight games last season, Rodrique started the final three won by Miami. The Hurricane was running the veer. Schnellenberger hints he may keep that ground philosophy and integrate his dropback pass plan.

Key receivers are split end Pat Walker (185) and flanker Jim Joiner (193), both juniors. Walker led the '77 team with 21 catches. Joiner set the pace

last season with 15, several significant. Jim got a 70-yarder against Auburn and had a reverse for 48 and a TD against Florida State.

Malcolm Simmons and Larry Brodsky are wide-out replacements.

Center John Fenton (242), guard Jim Pokorney (235) and tight end Mark Cooper (218) are returning starters. Transfer Steve Grady (6-7, 265) has emerged as a No. 1 tackle, ahead of veteran Frank Frazier. John Canei (240) and Clem Barbarino (236), bright sophomores, start side by side as tackle and guard. Depth must come from Jim Toula, Tom Carnes, Chris Duffy, Chris Davis and Brod Bolton.

Miami's running backs Chris Hobbs (180) and Gary Breckner (207) are young. Hobbs showed promise in '77 but missed last season with knee surgery. Breckner is a sophomore who got the ball nine times as a rookie. Chuck Hirschman and Fred Roberts are next best among backs.

Danny Miller kicked nine of 15 field-goal attempts as a freshman and won the Auburn game with a three-pointer with six seconds showing.

**MEMPHIS STATE**—The burden of winning for Memphis State will be shared by more shoulders this season.

Gone are the throw-and-catch combination of Lloyd Patterson and Ernest Gray. The Tigers hope an improved offensive line and better balance in the attack will take up the slack.

"We won't depend on two players as much as we have in the past," says Coach Richard Williamson, 4-7 last season, 24-20 for four seasons with the Tigers.

Kevin Betts (190) is the new quarterback. As a reserve last season, Kevin completed 39.7 per cent, produced 586 yards and seven TDs, chalked up 29 yards as a runner. Dennis Bradshaw and Darrell Martin will assist.

Top receivers are Jerry Knowlton (5-9, 155), Tony Hunt (5-10, 158) and Ken Dunek, tight end (6-7, 235). Sub wideouts are Alan King and Jerry Knowlton. Russell Richards backs up Dunek.

Richard Locke (203) is the Tiger fullback, Leo Cage (185) the I tailback. Locke gained 550 as a sophomore starter. Tony Glover and Richard Williams are next in line.

Returning in the offensive line are guards Brian Vanderheyden (242) and Keith Orum (241), a 1978 starter on paper until injured in pre-season drills. Both tackles, Darell Torbett (260) and Rick Snider (248) are veteran starters. Center Fred Heesch (246) is another returnee.

Terry Golden, Greg Hardee, Greg Clark, Buddy Carter and Bill Chauncey provide sound support.

The top five hitters on the 1978 defensive-tackle chart return. Linebacker Michael Thomas (194) set the pace with 116 stops. Free safety Tony Graves (5-8, 155), All-South Independent, scored 89 knock-downs, picked a pair of interceptions and batted down 10 passes.

Other leaders are end Kevin Clark (232), linebacker Todd Ondra (217) and nose guard Wayne Weedon (225).

James Stewart (187) returns at left corner. His

partner will be Terrie Sudduth (174). Sean McCann (193) and Robert Levingston (190) are still close at rover.

Stanley Adams (202) returns at end. New tackles are Rick Ackerman (230) and Dennis Smith (244). The second front includes Keith Bowden, Anthony Penchion, Vinnie DeLucia, Jim Heenan and Phil Pirkle. Backup linebackers are Derek Bell, Duane Marshall and Mike Kleimeyer.

Secondary support comes from Anthony Carter, Dean Nichols and Johnny Ray.

Memphis State has a solid kicking game. Punter Hugh Owens averaged 39.0. Place-kicker Rusty Bennett knocked in 20 of 21 extra points and four of seven field-goal swings.

Coach Williamson red-shirted 21 freshmen last fall and expects them, and maybe a few signees (Bailey Lowrey, Anthony Parker, Bill Moore, Bruce Travis), to help this campaign.

**LOUISVILLE**—The Red Rage is ready again. So says Vince Gibson, head coach, splendid salesman.

Gibson's Louisville Cardinals won seven again last season and he's optimistic that they can deal with an even more difficult schedule. The team has 36 lettermen, 14 returning regulars, including linebacker Otis Wilson, All-America in the coach's opinion.

Wilson, 6-3, 225, scored 332 hits in two previous campaigns. He led Louisville '78 with six interceptions, was the outstanding defensive player in the Independence Bowl. Pro scouts say this Brooklyn blaster is big-time.

Seven other previous starters join Wilson on defense. Three-fourths of the secondary returns . . . corners Leon Williams (180) and Zarko Ellis (181) and safety Ray Payton (156). The Cardinals are special on pass prevention. They were third in the country with 25 interceptions last season. Payton and Williams had four each.

New is strong safety Kevin Hill. The second secondary has Mark Blaskinsky, Jamie Perrin, Roger Clay and Frank Minnifield.

Ricky Skiles (223) teams with Wilson as inside linebackers. Skiles got a bonus season on the hard-ship-injury rule. Eddie Johnson (195) returns as an outside linebacker. The other end is Gene Hagen (211). Greg Metry, Lamont Mitchell, Bruce Gentry and Joe Kader provide linebacker depth.

Jeff Henry (240), No. 2 tackler on the team, is again the middle guard. Jeff had 123 stops. Dan Dihtzeruk (256) is an established tackle. His partner is Dave Drachman (221). Kent Robinette, Otto Knop and Lamar Evans are behind the three down linemen.

The Red Rage on offense looks to Stu Stram (5-9, 182) for direction. As a junior, this heady quarterback from the famous football family guided an attack that generated 345 yards a game. Stu threw for 929 and eight touchdowns. His top targets return . . . Kenny Robinson (184) caught 29 for 534 and six scores; Greg Searcy (178) grabbed 17 for 225; tight end Gary Nord (220) had 14 receptions, 172 yards.



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TEAM	POWER RATING	1978 SCHEDULE
<b>PITTSBURGH</b>	(13-2)	
Head Coach: Chuck Noll	Power Rtg: 147	
Final Score: 145-145 (145-145) (147-147) (140-140) (145-145)		
Date of Game: 10/14/78		
Final Points Spread: 145-145		
Upcoming Opponents: 10/21/78 at Buffalo		
Roster with position designation:		
QB: Terry Bradshaw	RB: Earl Campbell	TE: John Johnson
WR: Lynn Swann	FB: Mike Webster	DE: Jack Lambert
LB: Jack Ham	CB: Mel Gray	S: Jack Ham
K: Jack Ham	P: Jack Ham	

## College Matchups

TEAM	POWER RATING	1978 SCHEDULE
<b>DENVER</b>	(10-3)	
Head Coach: Bill Minter	Power Rtg: 148	
Final Score: 147-147 (147-147) (147-147) (140-140) (145-145)		
Date of Game: 10/14/78		
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QB: Steve McNair	RB: Steve McNair	TE: Steve McNair
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O. 14 at Missouri	63	(+26)(+27)	48-14
21 at Colo. 108		(+9)(+9)	52-14
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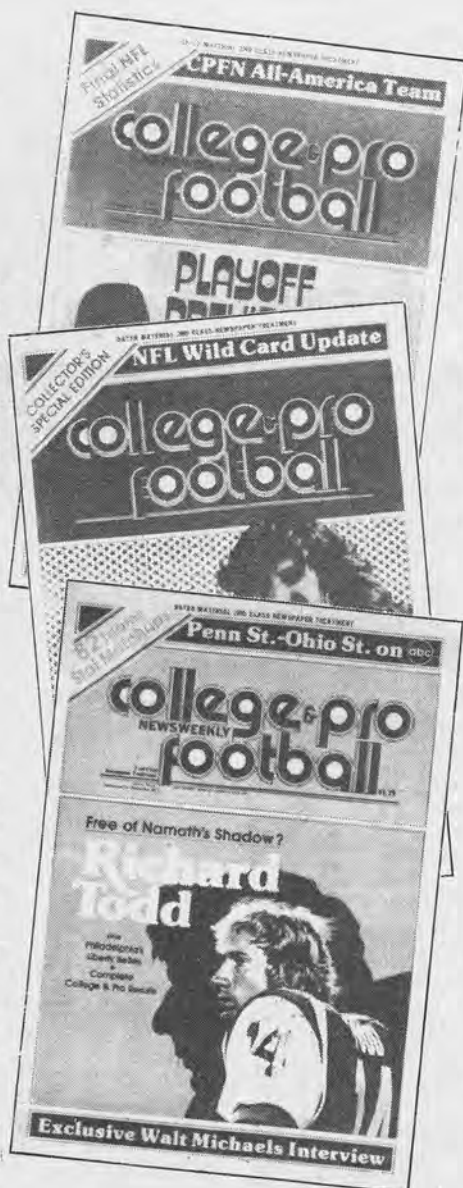
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The running game looks different. Nathan Poole is gone. Mike Sims (221) is the fullback. Donald Craft (182) is a promising sophomore tailback. Greg Hickman and Lawrence Mack are anxious for a chance.

Pat Patterson backs Stram at quarterback. Randy Butler, Mike Ramstetter and Mark Wilson are very eligible receivers.

Up front, Louisville has guards Guy Scheper (248) and Steve Cupito (252) from last year's line. Tackles are Greg Dimoff (245) and Joe Jacoby (276). Jim Miller (232) plays center.

Matt Mager will have to break his own record to do better as a placekicker. Matt scored 67 points last fall.

**SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI**—Coach Bobby Collins says he is "guardedly optimistic" about the 1979 Golden Eagles.

Reasons for optimism include 14 returning regulars from a team that won seven of 11, 41 lettermen, quality at quarterback.

There are also reasons to be guarded. The kicking game is in need of instant restoration; some good men are gone from the defense; Auburn and Tulane are on the schedule where Richmond and East Carolina used to be.

Dane McDaniel (185) runs the offense, the I-formation since the third game of last season. Dane completed 45 of 82 for 528 yards and seven touchdowns, won Coach Collins' respect.

Davy Sellers and Ron Ethridge would like to be next in line.

Key receivers are flanker Chuck Brown (176) and tight end Marvin Harvey (219). Brown sped away with 27 catches last season, the longest for 56 yards. Harvey had 17, six for touchdowns. Greg Graham (6-5, 212) opens at split end. Behind the wideouts are Larry Taylor and Mike Livings. Tom Jordan is No. 2 tight end.

Tiko Beal (189) and Sammy Winder do the tailbacking. Calvin Jones (215) and Willie Corner (228) are the fullbacks. None of the four averaged four yards per carry last season but Beal banged at the ends and tackles enough to earn 698. McDaniel, from quarterback, had the longest run last year, 45 yards.

The right side of the Eagle offensive line is intact, Harvey at tight end, Greg Ahrens (243) at tackle, Butch Smith (218) at guard, Mark Johnson (225) at center.

The left side is new, tackle Milton Junker (260), a senior up from the reserve ranks, and Dale Fife (216), promising sophomore guard. Line support comes from Joey Hendrix, Derrick Banks, Jamey Watson, Eddie McCoy and Blane Burnett.

Stoney Parker, Thad Dillard, Mike Crenshaw and Freeman Horton are gone from the defense but Southern Mississippi's self-named Nasty Bunch has some good ones returning, linebacker Clump Taylor (201) and tackle J.J. Stewart (262) in particular.

Taylor was in on 148 tackles last season, led the Eagles with 13 big plays (caused fumbles, recovered fumbles, QB sacks, etc.). Stewart is a homegrown giant who brings pro scouts to Hattiesburg.

Rhett Whitley (204) returns at end. New starters



J. J. STEWART chalked up 120 solo tackles in three seasons at So. Miss.



DANE McDANIEL guides Golden Eagles fortunes for third straight year.

up front are Albert Teague (240) at middle guard, Gary Ivy (241) at tackle and Mike McKenzie (202) at end. In reserve are James Hale and Doug Conway (ends), Wendall Williams and Richard Long (tackles) and Grant Culliver (MG).

Taylor's partner at linebacker will be Cliff Lewis (214) or former defensive end Ron Brown (208). Fred McLaughlin can help.

Hanford Dixon leads the secondary. The gutsy 179-pounder plays left corner and is a mainstream hitter who picked off four passes last fall. Art Newberry (163) returns at the other corner, Bubba Busby (165) at safety. David O'Dom (202) is strong safety. Danny Jackson, Mike Cook, Gary Holt and Chuck Cook have five letters of reserve experience.

The kicking game went away with the departure of Randy Boyette and Mike Wright, placekicker and punter, each the other's substitute. Sophomore Ricky Floyd shows promise as punt returner. Mike Alford may be the new punter. Shane Gabourel (from Honduras) wants to placekick.

**NORTHEAST LOUISIANA**—John David Crow's Indians went from 2-9 to 6-4-1 for the school's first winning season since 1970 last year and Crow was voted Louisiana's "College Coach of the Year." Crow's great rebuilding job will keep the Indians on top. He has 16 starters and 36 lettermen returning, led by little linebacker Harold Thompson (190) and break-away running threat Nathan Johnson (172).

Thompson was in on 120 tackles and Johnson averaged 54 yards on six scoring runs and led in rushing with 721 yards.

Senior Bud Cespiva (196), who completed 25 of 44 passes for 372 yards and two scores, inherits the quarterback job. He's backed by a pair of redshirt freshmen, John Santoriello and John Holman, plus transfer Robin Wasson. Top wide receivers are Tony Morrison with 14 catches, Larry Hamilton (12) and Jimmy Husser (10, two TDs).

Vernon Mills will join Johnson as starting running backs. Robert Newman, Auburn transfer Billy Joe

Triplett and Dwayne are other leading running backs.

The offensive line returns intact with Charles Kingray (190) at tight end, Jimmie Adams (262) and Joe Kuhn (245) at tackles, Eugene Green (213) and Terry Herod (210) at guards and Lance Stanfill (227) at center.

The defensive unit, ranked No. 15 nationally in scoring defense last year, again will be strong. Thompson, Matt Weiss, Ron Reliford, Holenn Rousel and Albert Moses are tough linebackers and three starters are back in the secondary—David Dumars, Vic Minor, Steve Isaac.

Up front, Jeff Walker, Danny Pringle, Jay Marse and Gary Hurd are joined at end by 6-4, 226-pound Gil Reich. Ricky Isaac (6-3, 235), Ken Poole (6-4, 235) and Mike Needleman (6-2, 213) are quality tackles and Darwyn Anderson (225) and Greg Fonden (211) are senior nose guards.

Barefoot kicker Bill Weimer averaged 35.6 yards punting but will be challenged for the placement job by transfer Bubba Touns.

### OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE

**EASTERN KENTUCKY**—The Colonels return 30 lettermen from the squad that finished 8-2 overall and 5-1 in the OVC.

The 5-1 slate was good for second place behind Western Kentucky, who handed Eastern its only conference loss, 17-16.

Junior fullback Dale Patton, who rushed for 985 yards and 15 TDs, returns, while nose guard Joe Richard, who led the team with 61 tackles and 31 assists despite missing three games with a knee injury, is also back. Center David Neal and defensive back Danny Martin also return from the All-OVC squad.

The kicking game is in good shape with junior placekicker David Flores, who was 32-33 on extra points and 9-14 in field goals last year while setting an Eastern record of 59 points, most by a kicker.

Junior tackle James Shelton (6-2, 230) and senior linebacker Bob McIntyre (210) will be back and quarterback Bill Hughes returns for his senior season.

Coach Roy Kidd, beginning his 16th season at the helm, feels the Colonels could win the OVC race this time.

**WESTERN KENTUCKY**—Things are looking up for coach Jimmy Feix as he enters his 12th year at the helm. His charges are coming off an 8-2 year which saw the Hilltoppers win the school's seventh OVC title with a perfect 6-0 record. The '79 squad loses only seven seniors from that outfit.

Heading a list of outstanding offensive returnees are All-OVC quarterback John Hall, a junior who completed 106 passes for 1439 yards and 12 touchdowns and Hall's target, senior split end Eddie Preston, who caught 37 for 646 yards and seven TDs. Second team all-conference selections Jeff Alsup (220) and Pete Walters (240) return to the offensive line.

Back Carl Brazley (170) and linebacker Charles

DeLacey, 57 tackles, 42 assists, top a veteran defensive crew. The 'Toppers, ranked fourth in the final I-AA poll last year, must come up with capable replacements at several key positions, including All-OVC Tony Towns' down lineman slot (74 tackles, 40 assists) and George Stevenson's fullback spot. Success also lies in the placekicking game, an inconsistent feature last year.

**TENNESSEE TECH**—Suffering through a mid-season injury jinx in 1978, the Golden Eagles ended with a 5-6 overall record and third in the OVC with a 4-2 mark. But coach Don Wade is smiling about the '79 season. He has 40 returning lettermen, 18 on defense, 20 on offense and two kick specialists.

Nine starters return on defense—end Ronnie Dyer (210), tackles Rodna Rockymore (225) and Barry Courtney (220), cornerback Greg Bauer, linebackers Mark Ogletree (200), Rod Demps (225) and Thurman Taylor and backs Greg Hamilton and Danny White.

Offensive starters returning are tackle Ken Dew (235), guards Fred Rockymore (230) and Steve Britton (225), center Tim Tinsley (205) and flankers Glen Roberts, Victor Robinson and Terry Scoggins. Dave Gray and Brad Millice are the tight ends. Kevin Tillman was the leading rusher last year.

Tech's quarterbacks are coming off an injury-riddled season. Jimmy Maynord played with a bruised hip and Milton Jenkins underwent knee surgery. Bubba Griffin and Mike Keough saw action last year.

The kicking game may be the best in Division I-AA. Placekicker Wayne Anderson hit 10 of 13 field goals, 21 of 23 PATs and Steve Davis averaged 40.5 yards per punt.

**AUSTIN PEAY**—First-year head coach Watson Brown inherits a team that finished 6-4 last year. But the annual Red-White spring game indicated the team will be improved offensively.

Returning quarterback Steve Brewer must battle JC transfer Sonny Defillips. Both looked excellent in the spring game. Donald Brown, leading rusher last year, will be back with late season sensation Craig Woods.

Coach Brown strengthened the running back positions, shifting Greg Jones from a reserve nose guard to fullback and Mark Alexander from defensive back to tailback. Cosmo Cochran and Jerry Bryant also return.

Steve Puthoff, who had 30 catches last year, and 9.4 speedster James Harris, lead the receivers.

The Governors return three fourths of a backfield that led Division I-AA in pass defense in '78. It will be led by All-OVC stars Joe Grimsley and Lynn Hailstock.

Line defense could be strong with Richard Wozniak (6-5, 230), Russell Brown (6-1, 250), Nick Norcia (6-3, 220), Arlie Jarrell (6-2, 265) and Kenny Durden (6-2, 237).

**MURRAY STATE**—The Racers finished 1978 with a 4-7 record and won just once in six conference out-





VERNON BROADNAX, Murray State offensive lineman, is largest player in college game, 6-foot-6, 410 pounds.

ings. But three of their losses were by a touchdown or less.

Tailback Danny Lee Johnson, a 205-pound junior, won OVC Offensive Player of the Year honors with 12 touchdowns and 1217 yards rushing, which ranked him sixth in Division I-AA statistics. Coach Mike Gottfried also has high hopes for 6-4, 215-pound fullback Greg Whetsel, who transferred from Nebraska.

Soph Ricky Ray, after completing 31 passes for 390 yards in a reserve role last year, may inherit the quarterback duties. JC transfer Bryan Crall, along with Jerry Powell, Fred Fiveash and Winston Ford, will challenge.

Leading a youthful offensive line are a pair of sophs, Tim Wheeler (235) and college football's largest performer, "Mt" Vernon Broadnax (6-6, 410). They will be joined by Mike Helms (225) and two freshmen, Lee Wise (6-4, 230) and Edgar Ray Currin (6-5, 245).

The defensive interior is structured around Jeff Gardner, Kenneth Woods and Steve Maxwell. JC transfers Paul Littles (260), Dave Wooldridge (235) and Loid Atkinson (205) add muscle to the line.

Donald White, Mike Basiak, Tim Miller, Tony Boone and Lamar Williams are linebackers.

**MIDDLE TENNESSEE**—After suffering a horrible 1-9-1 season in 1978, the Blue Raiders will rebuild with James "Boots" Donnelly as new head coach.

Donnelly, a former defensive back at MTSU, returned to his alma mater from conference rival Austin Peay, where he won 14 of 22 games and an OVC championship in his two seasons there.

The rebuilding task will be awesome. Only a handful of lettermen are back, including middle linebacker Stanley Wright, who set a new school record with 127 main hits and 51 assists in '78, and tackles Eddie Deen and James McClellan, along with nose-guard Reggie Bell, who missed all of last season.

On offense, quarterback Duane West returns, but the running backs will be newcomers. Bill Ming and Brian Knight are top returnees up front.

Donnelly recruited an excellent crop of freshmen, who will get experience quickly.

**MOREHEAD**—Gone is quarterback Phil Simms, a three-year starter who was named OVC "Player of the Year" his junior season.

To replace Simms, first-year coach Tom Lichtenberg must choose between last year's two backups—senior Tommy Fox and soph Greg Hall. Also in the picture will be converted wide receiver Doug Joiner and safety Ken Hopkins (6-3, 190).

Strengths on the team, which was 2-6-1 in '78, should be senior linebackers Rodney Jefferson (195) and Tommy Warren, 6-3, 215. Both are All-OVC.

Should Hopkins remain at safety, the defensive backfield will be intact, with the only defensive gaps to fill being on the line.

Offensively, two 185-pound starting tailbacks, Marcus Johnson and Dwight Yarn, and fullback Bernard McIntosh (180) return, as do wide receivers Dorron Hunter (175), Larry Campassi (170) and Kenny Turner (161).

The offensive line was hard hit by graduation, but the shift of Davey Locke (240) and Mike Ealey (235) to guard from tackle plus the eligibility of Charlie Young (6-6, 255) should make a solid unit.

Freshmen may have to fill the weak kicking gaps.

**NORTH ALABAMA**—After posting a 7-2-1 overall record in 1978—best in 24 years—UNA will be a serious contender for the GSC crown, especially after a banner recruiting year.

Senior tailback Curtis Sirmones, if he returns healthy after a mid-season knee problem, is one of the most explosive backs in the country. A 4.4 sprinter, Sirmones averaged over 100 yards per game last year before his injury.

Offensively, Coach Wayne Grubb must find replacements at fullback and one offensive line slot, with the remainder of the starters returning. Quarterback Johnny Grubb, nephew of the head coach, accounted for over 700 yards and scored seven touchdowns last season.

The Lions are developing a passing attack to go along with their potent ground game. They possess outstanding receivers in Jerry Hill, son of former NFL great Harlon Hill, Ken Irons, James Gill and Karl Washington, but a backup quarterback to Grubb must be found.

UNA lost its two starting defensive tackles and a linebacker off last year's squad, and filling these three gaps is a top priority. Ends Howard Ross and Steve Carter, linebackers William Bowens and Randy Michaels and defensive backs Manuel Walker, Ollie McGee, Luther Bivens and Marcene Emmett head a strong nucleus of returning players.

With both placekicker Nelson McMurrain and punter Guy Cox back, the kicking game is in good hands. McMurrain, a soph, was All-Gulf State last season, leading the league in scoring with Cox, a junior, averaged 40.1 yards per kick.

**TROY STATE**—Replacing eight senior starters, including All-America linebacker Tim Tucker and five other defensive players from last year's 8-2-0 team, appears to be the biggest task facing football coach Charlie Bradshaw.

The offense, with nine starters returning, appears stable. Heading the list are All-Gulf South Conference tailback Boyd Grant and wide receiver and

return specialist Virgil Seay.

Quarterbacks Eddie Rohrbaugh and Willie Tullis, who shared starting responsibilities, are also back. Middle guard Bubba Williams and defensive end Kenny Craik are the top returning play makers on defense.

**JACKSONVILLE STATE**—Champions of the Gulf South Conference in 1977 and 1978, the Gamecocks return only three starters on offense and six on defense. Also gone are four assistant coaches who played a key role in those two GSC titles.

"If this is not a rebuilding year, we will never have one," said head coach Jim Fuller. "We lost the heart of our offense and five starters on defense and with new coaches on offense and defense, it's going to take a while to get a few things working."

Veterans back on defense include nose guard Billy Dillard, end Joe Henderson, tackle Frankie O'Dell (who missed most of 1978 due to injuries), rover Dwayne Parker, linebackers Eddie Garfinkle and Greg Robinson and defensive back Jerome Coleman.

Also back are kickers Rocky Riddle and Armo Gostanian and punter Ray Brock.

**MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE**—Coach John Williams' Choc-taws started last season by winning their first five games, but dropped their last five.

This year Williams will miss his number one offensive threat, All-Gulf selection running back Ezra Tate, one of the top offensive performers in the NCAA Division II.

The Chocs have their alternating starting quarterbacks returning—Steve Mills and Dwight Hughes, plus starting fullback Bruce Hulitt. Calvin Howard, a top sub for the past two seasons, could move into Tate's position. The Chocs also have experienced running backs in Johnny Everett, Keith Ainsworth and Daryl Posey.

The entire offensive line is back, led by 6-5, 260-lb. tackle Steve Johnson, an academic All-America and All-GSC.

Defensively, the Tribe will have some adjustments to make. Returning, however, are linebackers Ralph Ashley and Kent Adams, safety Marcus Harper, ends Elbert Lyles and David Virgil, tackles Kenny Green and Rob Blankenship and cornerback Joe Woods.

**DELTA STATE**—Johnny Plummer, Delta State's third head coach in as many years, must rebuild the offensive forward wall and come up with some defensive depth if the Statesmen are to come anything close to a winning season.

Offensively, the Statesmen lost only one backfield starter and return rushing leader Larry Parker, a tailback who carried for 646 yards.

Quarterback Tony Bowen, a second team All-Gulf South choice in 1978, led the team in passing, completing 89 of 159 attempts for 1191 yards, as well as in total offense with 128.1 yards per game. He is expected to receive stiff competition from Steve Reich for the starting spot.

Other offensive starters back include left guard Charlie Stavely and split end Tim Wright.

Defensively, Delta is led by All-GSC strong safety Sam Killingsworth, a sure-bet pro prospect. The Statesmen have starters returning up front in end Stu Guantt, tackles Joe Lowrey and George Walker and nose guard Danny Bell. Defensive end Mack Wilson, who started several games a year ago, is also back.

**LIVINGSTON**—New head coach Frank North is trying to rebuild a program that just eight years ago won the NCAA Division-II championship and four years ago finished third. Since then the Tigers finished 5-5, 2-8 and 3-7.

Although the Tigers lost four All-GSC performers, North can call on 41 former letter-winners and ten junior college transfers. Leading the pack are linebackers Curtis Coleman and Horace Bradley, who last year combined for over 200 tackles.

Also back are senior tackles Gabe Heeter and Doug Palmer and junior noseguard Willie Cameron.

The return of Steve Birchfield, Bernard Jackson, Tim Drinkard, Fred Stickney, Bill Passmore and Efram Clark makes the secondary the strongest position.

Soph quarterback Jerry Thomas returns. Starting the last four games of 1978, he rolled up an impressive 562 yards in total offense, 521 in the last three games.

North junked the wishbone in favor of the split-veer and will be able to call on running backs Cedric Stevens, Tony Trimble, Tony Rodgers and Johnny Penn, plus transfers Sam Bailey and Rocky Beebe.

The Tigers will have to improve up front on offense. Paul Teague, All-GSC center in 1977, appears ready to bounce back. Other returning starters include senior Mike Shivers, junior Bernie Sleadd and sophomores Gene Brown and Bobby Nordan.

Three-year letterman Lynn Shreve returns at tight end but must recover from spring knee surgery.

**TENNESSEE-MARTIN**—Head coach Vester Newcomb must overcome the loss of 19 lettermen, 13 of which were starters, if the Pacers are to better last year's 2-8 finish. However, 22 lettermen return, including nine starters.

Junior Sammy Bryant, who started at quarterback for the first three games in '78, then moved to tailback where he finished with 690 yards and six touchdowns, returns.

Also back are quarterbacks Jimmy Wash and Neil Ross, both juniors, but they will be pushed by sophomore transfer Tommy Overton.

The offensive line, hit hard by graduation, will be led by junior guard Gary Hawkinson (215), senior tackle Henry Aaron (235), and junior guard Glen Mollman (225).

Juniors John Boyle (6-2, 224), Kevin Lamb (185) and Michael Chinn (220) will man the linebacker slots. This area is strong enough to allow the shifting of soph Barry Joyce (6-2, 210), the leading tackler in '78, to fullback.

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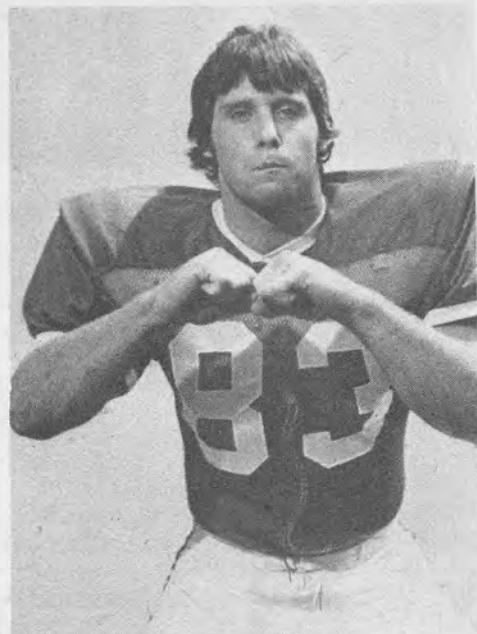
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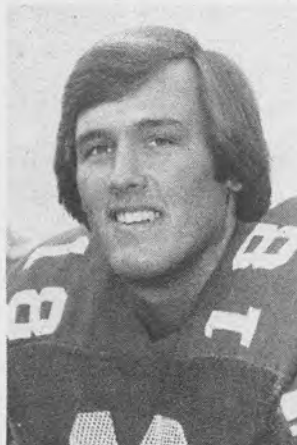
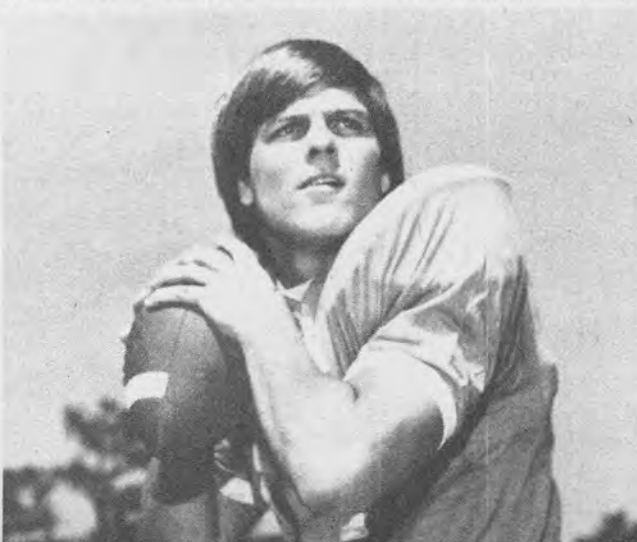
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SCOTT SMITH, right, goes for gain, WAYNE McLEAN helping out the North Carolina State quarterback.

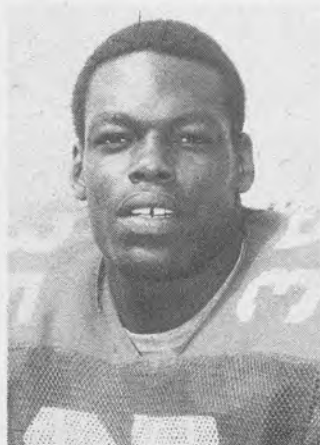


AMOS LAWRENCE, 5-10 junior running back from North Carolina, gained 1000-plus yards each of first two years.

MATT KUPEC, the senior Tar Heel quarterback, hit on 59 percent of aerals last season when he finished strong.



CRAIG BROWNING, left, quarterback, and STANLEY BROADIE, running back, are sophs with future at Duke.



BRYAN HOLOMAN, soph linebacker, led Virginia in making tackles last season.

TOM VIGORITO ran for 800 yards on 168 carries last year for Virginia team.





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# Atlantic Coast and Southern

## NC STATE'S WELL-BALANCED SQUAD ANTICIPATES FIRST ACC CROWN SINCE 1973

### PREDICTIONS

#### Atlantic Coast Conference

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|-------------------|----------------|
| 1. N.C. State     | 5. Wake Forest |
| 2. Maryland       | 6. Duke        |
| 3. North Carolina | 7. Virginia    |
| 4. Clemson        | * Georgia Tech |

\* ineligible for title play

#### Southern Conference

- |                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1. The Citadel      | 6. East Tennessee |
| 2. UT-Chattanooga   | 7. V.M.I.         |
| 3. Western Carolina | 8. Marshall       |
| 4. Appalachian      | * Davidson        |
| 5. Furman           |                   |

#### Independents

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. South Carolina | 5. William & Mary |
| 2. East Carolina  | 6. Wofford        |
| 3. Virginia Tech  | 7. Guilford       |
| 4. Richmond       |                   |

#### Mid-Eastern Athletic

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. South Carolina St. | 5. Morgan State           |
| 2. North Carolina A&T | 6. Delaware State         |
| 3. Howard             | 7. Maryland-Eastern Shore |
| 4. N.C. Central       |                           |

#### South Atlantic

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|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. Elon         | 5. Mars Hill     |
| 2. Presbyterian | 6. Catawba       |
| 3. Lenoir Rhyne | 7. Gardner-Webb  |
| 4. Newberry     | 8. Carson-Newman |

#### Central Intercollegiate

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Winston-Salem State  | 6. Livingstone      |
| 2. Virginia Union       | 7. Virginia State   |
| 3. Fayetteville State   | 8. Hampton          |
| 4. Norfolk State        | 9. Johnson C. Smith |
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#### Southwestern Athletic

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| 1. Jackson State      | 5. Texas Southern |
| 2. Mississippi Valley | 6. Alcorn State   |
| 3. Grambling          | 7. Prairie View   |
| 4. Southern           |                   |

From the most unexpected places, even wonderful Cypress Gardens where beautiful women water ski and exquisite flowers provide wintertime enjoyment, might come a hint as to the current Atlantic

Coast Conference football campaign.

It had nothing to do with the game itself, except for the characters in the water-logged drama, where several thousand tourists had come to see the Aquamaids, the Helicopter Triples and Jerry Welsh in his flying kite with 20-mile-an-hour winds.

But in the Tangerine Bowl fun, a special one-on-one had been scheduled, and Coaches Bo Rein of North Carolina State and Jackie Sherrill of Pittsburgh were combatants, maybe unwilling but good-guy enough. The contest was to go something like this: Each coach was to pass the main grandstand (on skies, you better believe) at distances of 15-20-30 feet and try to catch footballs thrown by their quarterbacks. Simple enough.

Except for one thing. Bo Rein had never been able to get up on skis, absolutely never. Jackie Sherrill was experienced at this enjoyable sport. Bo had his No. 1 quarterback, Scott Smith, to do his throwing, and Sherrill called on alternate Scott Jenner, no kin to Bruce. Guts took over from that particular point to the total enjoyment of the assemblage. Bo had been a Woody Hayes pass-catcher for Ohio State, and even though Ohio State counted its forward passes on the fingers of one hand, maybe two at the most, he knew what he was doing. Jackie did not have that experience.

To make a long story even longer, Rein, who managed to stay up on the third trial pull (or run, or whatever you call those things), dived into the brink for a first turn catch. Jackie did the same on the second run, and then Bo won the liquid game 10-7 (catches five points, touches one) with his third run.

It was to carry over in the Tangerine Bowl, the Wolfpack, getting stronger by the quarter, winning 30-17.

Maybe that was the forebearer of exciting 1979 football news for the Wolfpack. Here was a coach who could rise (even in midair) to the occasion, with a quarterback who could give just the right lead. Or hand off to just the right runner when the coming season begins.

It sounds like ACC championship for the Wolfpack, because if Bo Rein could beat the waters of Cypress Gardens, which was unbelievable, he can do other things. The youthful Rein, at 34 in his fourth season as head coach (after staff jobs with Lou Holtz and then Frank Broyles at Arkansas), finds balance on the upcoming team, just as balance (or lack of it) was the most important ingredient in his water skiing exploits.



The Wolfpack is predicted to move to the fore again, for the first time since 1973, but it will be an ACC year of no clear-cut operation. Just behind the balanced Wolfpack will come Maryland, again coming up with experienced non-regulars from Coach Jerry Claiborne's always full barrel of talent; North Carolina, having Dick Crum established in his second season with a new club; and Clemson, losing 15 regulars from a conference champion but coming in with 30-year-old Coach Danny Ford, full of enthusiasm and a 1-0 record before he even gets to his first official season. He took over the Tigers, after Charley Pell defected to Florida, for the Gator Bowl and guided a 17-15 thriller over Ohio State.

To continue the ACC situation, Wake Forest, Duke and Virginia all anticipate improved operations. There could be surprises, which is really not a surprise in the ACC.

A year ago, in the very final game, The Citadel had the ball on Furman's one-yard line when the game just banged out of time. For Citadel Coach Art Baker, who had been at Furman five years, it was a disappointment. For Furman it was a 17-13 triumph, and the winning Paladins shared the conference title with UT-Chattanooga. For the Bulldogs, with conference veteran Baker, this might be the year.

Among the independents, who still have not found a way to form a new conference, it seems South Carolina will be Coach Jim Carlen's best club yet, and East Carolina, under youthful and effervescent Coach Pat Dye, will achieve another bowl invitation.

New Coach Bill Davis, who succeeded successful Willie Jeffries who went to Wichita State in the MVC, gets an unreserved nod in the Mid-Eastern Athletic (MEAC), while Coach Jerry Tolley admits that his Elon College Fighting Christians might well return to the NAIA championship finals, wherever they might be. That's as South Atlantic winners. In the CIAA, if you mention the subject to Coach Bill Hayes that his Winston-Salem State Rams will not remain undefeated, you might get rammed. Shaw University, which has had football since 1892, dropped the sport.

Two conferences do have new teams. East Tennessee State begins official competition in the Southern Conference, and Georgia Tech is now an ACC member. However, Coach Pepper Rodgers' Jackets will not be able to compete in football (due to scheduling) until 1983, they hope, or 1984 at the latest.

In the North Carolina mountains at Boone, which is the home for Appalachian State, the Conrad Stadium enlargement makes the capacity now 25,000, the largest arena in the Southern Conference. It is a beauty, with all-weather turf.

Spring games took on a diversified look. Virginia again had its Varsity-Alumni contest, first played in 1953, the oldest of its kind in the country. On the very first scrimmage play, Todd Kirtley threw 59 yards to Andre Green, and the old boys got beat 54-8. At Wake Forest, which staged its finale at 10 a.m. so the fans could get to the Tanglewood Steeplechase, the Offense beat the Defense 40-23, while at Duke new Coach Red Wilson, a veteran in North Carolina football circles, saw the Defense 92,

Offense 73. All sorts of scoring methods were employed. North Carolina had a tie game, until Coach Crum set up rules which saw Blue 27, White 26. And at Clemson, Coach Ford requested an extra period to see a 10-7 score.

For 1979 there is a candidate for the Outland Award, to the nation's outstanding interior linemen, possibly the ACC's next after Mike McGee (Duke) in 1959 and Randy White (Maryland) in 1974. He is N.C. State's offensive center, Jim Ritcher, first team All-America for the AP and Football Coaches. Says Coach Rein: "This may sound like a rash statement, but Jim Ritcher graded out better at his position than Ted Brown (A-A, 6th in Heisman voting). And everyone knows what Ted could do because he was visible and the cameras followed every move."

These young stars to watch in 1979 include, alphabetically: Ricky Barden, DB, North Carolina; Mike Brewington, LB, East Carolina; Lester Brown, RB, Clemson; Lloyd Burruss, DB, Maryland; Craig Jones, K, VMI; Amos Lawrence, RB, North Carolina; Jim Ritcher, C, N.C. State; and Woodrow Wilson, DB, N.C. State.

Conference won-lost record are listed first, then overall season record.

### ATLANTIC COAST

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE**—(4-2-0, 9-3-0). When the Wolfpack came out of the impressive victory over Pittsburgh in the Tangerine Bowl, there was a natural look around the dressing room. Who would be back? When the hands were raised, balance was the word that permeated, and Coach Bo Rein would agree wholeheartedly. He reviews, "With the experience and senior leadership we have coming back, we have a chance to be an excellent football team." And he was going to be without tailback Ted Brown, who became the latest to get 4000-yards-plus in collegiate annals. Rein reasoned: "When we had Ted, we could stand around if nothing was happening and wait for Ted to make it happen. We don't have that luxury anymore. We'll still have a good team." That is positive thinking, of course, but that also emphasizes the word "balance," which has been mentioned before. On that premise the Wolfpack can win the ACC. . . . and make a third straight bowl trip, successfully, of course.

With Brown gone, the offense has prime attention. At the important QB spot again is senior Scott Smith, who got tired of filling in and became a star himself. He is the top returning total offensive leader in the conference (1045 yds). He handled things well, including the Tangerine Bowl win over Pittsburgh. Returning is Billy Ray Vickers (600 yds), and Brown's replacement will be wiry, high-stepper Wayne McLean, with other candidates being senior Rickey Adams and junior Dwight Sullivan. Mike Quick tops the receiving corps as a sophomore, along with Curtis Rein (the coach's brother) or Lee Jukes. When it comes to what's up front, the place is as loaded as Dolly Parton. Center Jim Ritcher (6-3, 243) has all the All-America accolades. The front averages about 250 pounds per man, including guards Chuck Stone (6-2, 258) and Chris Dieterich

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(6-3, 256), who was All-ACC tackle and moved in. Sophomore tackles are Chris Koehne (6-6, 258) and Chris Carr (6-7, 263). Sounds like the Steelers.

Defensively, Rein and Company do not deny that this shapes up as the toughest Wolfpack in more than a decade. Woodrow Wilson, by his teammates called "El Presidente," tops the secondary, along with regulars Ronnie Lee, Donnie LeGrande and Mike Nall, meaning the fraternity intact. Wilson is All-ACC. So is tackle Simon Gupton. Tackle Brian O'Doherty and guard John Stanton are also regulars repeating, meaning the linebackers move up: Joe Hannah, David Horning, Marion Gale, Dann Lute and gosh knows, who else. Before Rein can conclude his mathematical formula of balance, he must turn to placekicking, where untried, untested and unnerved sophomore Nathan Ritter came on the scene a year ago. His first game (vs. East Carolina) brought an NCAA-record-tying performance of five field goals. For the year, his accuracy (17 of 19) topped the nation, and he closed out a great 1978 with the Tangerine Bowl record kick of 51 yards. Balance could reign for Rein.

**MARYLAND**—(5-1-0, 9-3-0). One more time—it seems to be happening always—Jerry Claiborne goes back to the barrel, scrapes out a new star or two, and that's the Maryland football team. It is certainly a tribute to the Claiborne program, just as six straight bowl appearances and an amazing 33-6-1 record in ACC competition over his seven seasons as a neighbor to the President of the United States. "We need three defensive people," he says of the current back-to-the-barrel move, and even though the offensive unit returns only three linemen and one regular back, Claiborne adds, "We have the strongest offensive line we have had since the 1975 unit that sent four men to the NFL." Last November the Terps missed the conference title (which would have been the fourth in five years) in losing the final game, 28-24 to Clemson, which took the title. That rematch comes early this time, Sept. 15. It is an important game toward the final standings again.

The wide-tackle six defense led the conference against the rush, and the front will be missing two outstanding tackles, Bruce Palmer and Charles Johnson. As in past Claiborne years, it means advancing the guy just behind, and they are lettermen with experience. Thus the guards are regular Marlin Van Horn (6-0, 239), who had 11 sacks for 101 yds in losses, and junior Mike Carney. Tackles are Todd Benson, sophomore, and regular Ed Gall (6-4, 225), while the ends are regular Jimmy Shaffer and junior Pete Glamp. Brian Matera remains as linebacker, with junior Darnell Dailey advancing. Secondary comes intact, featuring senior Lloyd Burruss, senior John Baldante and junior Steve Trimble. Burruss certainly is versatile: 71 tackles (one for nine-yard loss), caused three fumbles and blocked two kicks.

When the coach looked at the offensive stats, he might have shuddered: of 3676 yards total offense, graduated players provided 3292, leaving only 384 yards among returning players. And yet the offense

brings optimism among the Terrapins. The line retains the strong side: senior guard Kervin Wyatt (6-1, 242), senior tackle Larry Stewart (6-4, 280) and senior tight end Eric Sievers (6-4, 223). Stepping up on the other side are three seniors and a junior, all experienced with playing time and letters: center Chris Grey, guard Paul Glamp, tackle Scott Fanz and split end Garry Ellis. Both Sievers, a good blocker, and Ellis figure in the receiving game, along with junior Jan Carinci, the wingback in Claiborne's Multiple Eye.

Lanky Mike Tice (6-7, 222) is the QB, along with another junior, Bob Milkovich (6-3, 210). Both had good springs, although Tice in the final Red-White game had a shoulder separation (the right, his throwing one) and underwent surgery. George Scott returns after a year of injury, taking tailback where he got 894 yards two years ago (581 in the final three games). Charlie Wysocki backs him, and Rick Fasano runs FB. It is a Maryland offense that can move the ball, fine potential.

**NORTH CAROLINA**—(3-3-0, 5-6-0). Scholarly Dick Crum has had a whole calendar to adjust, get acquainted and agree that just maybe his Tar Heel offense system had to become more suitable to the people on hand. He says, "Our main goal is to be a fundamentally sound football team. Last season we gave up over 1200 yards on defense because of missed tackles and penalties. We've got to cut those out, as well as the offensive errors that killed drives." The offense is being called "multiple," because that's just what it is, more suited to the talents of those involved. It might be more I than veer, having two QBs who can operate in either direction. But he's also got to discover replacements for some outstanding players who graduated, and that calls on the program he inherited from Bill Dooley, which was good.

Maybe it's the defense where the Tar Heels encounter the larger rebuilding job. Only four returnees can be counted on, but at linebacker are two of them, making this a tower of Tar Heel strength. Senior Bill Curry, All-ACC in 1977, has been the team's leading tackler for two years, and young sophomore Darrell Nicholson, ACC rookie of the year, spark this department. Outside linebackers will come from sophomore Calvin Daniels, Rick Downs and Lawrence Taylor, who has been moved from guard. Ricky Barden, an outstanding senior (All-ACC), highlights the secondary, but he's all alone. He will work with seniors Jay Faulkner and Max McGee, juniors David Singleton and Steve Streater. This leaves the front three with veteran Donnell Thompson (6-4, 260), a starter at tackle, junior John Brugos (6-2, 227) and Paul Davis, shifted from outside linebacker, as the leading nose guard.

Offensively, the Tar Heels have the capabilities of a very potent production. Returning seven regulars, the line presents the major rebuilding, but those up front are solid performers, based on experience. Regulars again are guard Ron Wooten (6-4, 254), tackle Steve Junkmann (6-3, 234) and center Rick Donnal-

ley (6-2, 241). Senior Carl Hackley and junior Mark Sugg advance at other vacancies, and sophomore Shelton Robinson or senior Kenny Rogers play tight end. Jeff Grey heads wide receivers.

In the backfield is real strength. QB Matt Kupec, who hit 58.7 per cent of his passes (6 TDs), won the starting job over sophomore Chuck Sharpe, who ran the veer quite well as a freshman. Amos Lawrence and Doug Paschal are the running backs. Lawrence, who gets fan acclaim as "Famous Amos," has had two straight 1000-yard seasons and enters his junior year with more rushing yardage than anyone in NCAA history except Tony Dorsett and Bon Po James. He can move it. Paschal (499 yds, 4.9 avg) is the workhorse. It is a starting team with only four seniors (two each unit), but Dick Crum does not look beyond the current page on the calendar.

**CLEMSON**—(6-0-0, 11-1-0). More things happened around the Clemson campus last December than usual. Santa Claus came on schedule, but the Tigers accepted the Gator Bowl. Charley Pell left for the head job at Florida. Danny Ford got promoted. Danny Ford was assigned the team in the Gator Bowl. The team beat Ohio State 17-15. How's that for excitement? The 30-year-old Ford, another from the Bear Bryant School for Walking On Water, goes into his first season already 1-0, but he's minus 15 starters off that Tiger team . . . including three All-Americans, the school's all-time leader passer and pass-catcher. After spring work, Ford says, "We're not a good football team yet, and we did not reach all of our goals. But I don't believe you ever accomplish what you want in the spring. If you do, you've probably set your goals too low."

Maybe he can start with the offense: "We are not going to be a big-play football team in 1979 like we were last season. We're going to have to be more patient with the ball than we have been in the past, more disciplined in what we try to do." Two strong runners return, All-ACC Lester Brown (1002 yds, 17 TDs rushing) and fullback Marvin Sims (6-4, 230), highest per carry yardage among the championship team's backs. Flanker Perry Tuttle moves up; so does Jerry Gaillard as wide receiver. But QB is something else. Senior Billy Lott obviously has seniority, but there are also junior Bo Blanton, soph Mike Gasque and freshman Glen Gallagher (from Massanutten Academy). There is an obvious Tiger pause on this decision. Two regulars are there in the line, but Jeff Bostic (6-1, 237), tops at center, moves to left guard and Chris Dolce (6-2, 239) switches guards. This leaves other spots to sophomores Gary Brown (6-3, 245) and Lee Nanney (6-4, 246) at tackles, Mark Thornton (6-4, 229) at center and Mark Clifford (6-4, 206) at tight end.

Gone are eight defensive regulars, but Ford insists, "We have some solid players back." The trio of returning starters are linebacker Bubba Brown, All-ACC (team leading tackler); tackle Jim Stuckey, All-ACC (leading tackler among linemen); and back Rex Varn, who had shoulder surgery and missed spring work. Joining Stuckey on the front are ends Bob Goldberg and David Reed, tackle Steve Dur-

ham and nose guard Charlie Bauman, who intercepted THAT pass in the game-saver over Ohio State and incited Gen. Woody Hayes. Brown's partner in crime at LB is aggressive sophomore Jeff Davis, who had nothing to do with the founding of the Confederacy.

When Varn returns in the fall, he will work with Eddie Geathers and Willie Underwood again in the secondary, and the fourth spot will fall to Randy Learn, Jack Cain or Anthony Rose. That real Tiger noise you hear comes for the kickers. Punting is David Sims, 40.2 average—but maybe more important, only 91 yards in returns on 50 boots. Then comes the Nigerian ex-soccer star, Obed Ariri. He had 86 kicking points, and can make field goals from almost any distance. Maybe sufficient reason the "rookie" coach with the 1-0 record can say: "I don't know how many games we're going to win, but I know we won't be afraid to line up against anybody."

**WAKE FOREST**—(1-5-0, 1-10-0). It was a long, tough year for John Mackovic in his first head coaching job. Committed to the forward pass, he passed—but got only three touchdowns that way. From the split backfield Mackovic aimed to make his backs challenging receivers as well, and it got yards, but now he's going to the I to get more ground movement. The Deacons were No. 1 in the conference in passing, but last in rushing, and the combination turned out worst in the bottom line: last in scoring at only 9.5 points a game. In the second year the coach says, "We haven't made as many position changes as the first year, and that helps solidify some of our most crucial spots. We still don't have the depth we would like, but I think part of that problem will be solved in the fall when our new class comes in." There are 30 freshmen, some who may start quickly—to go with 22 sophs, 26 juniors and only 17 seniors.

Changes did take place in the offensive line, trying to get the three best blockers in the middle (to bolster the I). Senior starting guard Rob Brassell (6-2, 240) moves to center, senior Syd Kitson (6-5, 235) from tackle to guard to team with junior Bill Ard (6-4, 220) and soph Ben Freeman (6-5, 260). Soph starters Wayne Baumgardner (SE) and Mike Mullen (TE) are good receivers. Running is again left to James McDougald (629 yds a year ago) and fullback Albert Kirby (416 yds), both receivers also. Soph Wayne McMillan is a speedster, and Mackovic opines, "Breakaway speed could be a new dimension for us." David Webber became No. 1 QB as a freshman last year, hit 55.5 percent of his passes (101 for 182, 1070 yds), but had 12 interceptions and only two TDs. In the spring senior Jay Venuto, who didn't throw a single time last fall, gained the top QB role in the Black-Gold game hitting 13 of 16 for 195 yds and two TDs. Incoming freshman Brent Offenbecher of Massillon Washington (Ohio) could be starting quickly.

Only two defensive spots are open, and Landon King moved from QB to one of the secondary places, teaming with returning Larry Ingram, Mark Lancaster and George Ervin. Linebackers are again



Marc Hester and Carlos Bradley, the two leading tacklers, while the down linemen back are ends Eddie Yarnell and Mike Wisher, tackle Dwayne Crayton and nose guard James Parker, who comes to his senior year with all-star recognition. Deacon defense will have to be something special to survive.

**DUKE**—(2-4-0, 4-7-0). Most of things around the Duke Blue Devils have a new look as Shirley (Red) Wilson replaces Mike McGee, who was at his alma mater eight seasons. Wilson had been involved in recruiting for several years and he moves from assistant athletic director to head coach. But the offense is new for Duke, which had been in the I for a decade, and Wilson installed the Houston veer, with the Houston staff helping in spring work. Always an innovator in his many years in North Carolina high schools and Elon College, Wilson ran out the shotgun for a series in the spring Blue-White game.

Wilson explains the veer: "Because of the twin set backfield, we are able to run a more wide open offense. We will have two wide receivers. The key to the new offense is that it utilizes skill people instead of muscle." Going into the spring, senior Stanley Driskell had been the No. 1 QB, having relieved Mike Dunn several games on injury, but by the close of drills sophomore Craig Browning had the call. Seeking a No. 1 QB and saying he didn't want a two-quarterback situation, Wilson and staff kept a close look at the spring battle.

Two sophs also worked to No. 1 running spots, Keith Crenshaw and Stanley Broadie, who became the leading freshman ground-gainer and scorer in Duke history last fall. Two more sophs work in as flanker Cedric Jones and wide receiver Ron Frederick, transfer from East Carolina. Lettermen fill the line, except at right tackle where junior Jim Colantucci (6-4, 230) moves in. Others are center Kevin Kelly, guards Bob Riordon (voted most improved offensive player in spring) and Scott Hamilton, tackle Joel Patten and tight end John Brinkman.

Sophomores again show prominence on the defense. Senior nose guard Greg Pritchard is the only upperclassman among the front five, the sophs being end Charles Bowser and Larry LeNoir, tackles F. A. Martin (moved from FB) and Paul Heinsohn (6-6, 235), yes, son of the former Celtics coach. Lettering linebackers step up, Dave Thielmann and Eric Drescher, and the secondary includes Craig Hoskins, soph Dennis Tabron, Greg Stroud and Ed Brown. Of the 22 listed starters coming into the fall, nine are sophomores, five juniors, eight seniors. Around the Duke campus the word is: "Red Means Go."

**VIRGINIA**—(0-6-0, 2-9-0). The Cavalier offense did so well in the final two games of 1978, scoring 20 on North Carolina and 21 on N.C. State, even though they just became two more defeats, that there's optimism on the campus around the Rotunda. Only 21 points earlier against Army had seen the Cavaliers at the level desired by Coach Dick Bestwick. But there are 16 starters off this club which finished strong, and eight of them are considered by the Wahoo faithful as honest-to-goodness candidates for

all-conference honors, a distinction claimed only by graduating senior punter Russ Henderson last fall. The defense returns nine, but there may be some changes in positions, and whereas the offense has seven regulars again, one, the QB, has been moved elsewhere in the backfield.

Mickey Spady did finish the season as the No. 1 QB and that was his spot at the turn of spring, but he has been moved to running back. In his stead are two youthful QBs, sophomore Todd Kirtley (four games, 26 of 46 passes, 340 yds) and redshirted freshman Gordie Whitehead. Ted Manly also figured in the spring work, where Kirtley came out No. 1. The brilliant running combination returns: Tommy Vigorito (800 yds, 4.8 avg) and Greg Taylor (551 yds, 4.0 avg), and moving Manly provides depth. Receiving corps is experienced: three-year starter Mike Newhall at TE, Ted Marchibroda (yes, the Colts' coach's son) at split end, replacement senior Andre Grier at flanker. Center Brian Musselman and guard Kurt Pierce return and three-year DT Grant Hudson moves to offensive guard.

Three of the four starters in the secondary return, Tony Blount after knee surgery, Mike Brancati and Bryan Shumock, and they are joined by sophomore Sean McCall, who was the nation's No. 6 kickoff returner. Experienced linebackers are Kenny Newsome and sophomore Brian Holoman, the team's leading tackler and runner-up for ACC rookie of the year. Filling one open spot in the line, at tackle, Coach Bestwick made some changes: nose guard Stuart Anderson to tackle, linebacker Mark LaNeve to the guard spot. Redshirted Mike Budd, an elbow injury cutting his year short, will see considerable action. At the ends will return Steve Potter and Quentin Murray. There is talent; depth is a concern. In Dick Bestwick's fourth season, things are just about right for some surprises in Charlottesville.

**GEORGIA TECH**—(DNP, 7-5-0). Things must happen quickly at Grant Field, both in fall practice and in the opening kickoff. National champion Alabama is the first opponent and originally Coach Pepper Rodgers had until Sept. 15 to get as ready as possible. Then ABC-TV called, and the kickoff was moved up—to Sept. 8. "It's going to be an exciting team," exudes the coach, who always exudes and who might have the best TV show in the AFCA. He canned the wishbone for the I, and with an excellent passer the I will venture out to more pro-type stuff. On the staff to coach QBs is Steve Spurrier; to help the running backs is Norm Van Brocklin. It's difficult to beat those instructors, even in a Hollywood production, which would be the coach's style also.

The I was having problems getting dotted last fall, so in the third game a big freshman got his chance: Mike Kelly (6-4, 180). He had instant poise, a strong arm and quick release, hitting 96 of 197 passes for 1479 yards and seven TDs in 10 games, moving the Jackets to bowl time. Important as anything else, Kelley was sacked just three times (for 29 yds), an NCAA record. But there is part of the situation confronting the new Jacket offense. Two big linemen are gone, and keeping such Kelley protection



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is important. Center Tom Daniel (6-5, 240), only part-time because of injury, provides Scott Simons (6-4, 260) a chance to move to tackle, where he teams with Clint Momon (6-3, 231) or redshirted freshman David Lutz (6-6, 255). Guards are returning Ben Utt and Steve Walker. Tight end has George Moore. Wide receivers will play a big role in this new game, which includes the forward pass. Juco transfer Leon Chadwick from Ferrum JC may eventually win the job over Matt Rank and Kris Kenters. FB Rodney Lee (5-11, 206), with 392 yds, has been switched to tailback, pushed by sophomore Darish Davis, and the FB job goes to Juco transfer Dan Wood or soph David Allen.

"Defensively, if we can find a couple of backfield replacements, we will be okay," says the coach, and that could be the real challenge for the team in those early games with Alabama and Florida. Eight regulars return for the 3-4-4 defensive alignment, the only change being the "down tackles," who are now called ends. At those spots are regular Mark Bradley (6-3, 239) and Marvin Dyett (6-3, 235), while the nose guard, who is called the "mike," is again Tom Cooksey. Henry Johnson and Al Richardson had exceptional seasons at inside and outside linebackers, Johnson team leader in tackles, Richardson with nine tackles for losses and five recovered fumbles. Mackel Harris returns at other outside spot, Mike Helm and Bill Haley competing inside. Secondary questions must be solved. Ken Taylor and Lawrence Lowe return, new starters are likely Kevin Schmidt and Mark Sheffield. The Jacket defense must start strong, the Jacket offense will come along.

### SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

**THE CITADEL**—(2-3-0, 5-6-0). Along Charleston's Battery they speak of cautious optimism. Maybe that's the military. Maybe that comes from Coach Art Baker saying, "Last season didn't go quite like we wanted but we were close to being a 7-4 team." It was his first year at the military school, but certainly not his first in the conference (formerly with Furman). Now Baker says, "Realistically, we're going to be a better team this year, but this doesn't mean we're going to win more games." The first part covers that cautious optimism, the second portion sounds like a coach. The Bulldogs return nine starters on each unit, so there's experience.

The defense will have to outdo itself, especially in the early part of the game, outscored 55-24 in the first quarter last season. It gave up yards and scores, and only the linebackers are news. Transfer Mike Ashline and junior reserve Bill Salley take the LBs in Baker's wide-tackle-six defense. That puts on the line guards Tony Turkett and Scott Wages, tackles David Wardlow and Bill Hopkins, ends Mike Adams and Dale McLarty, just where they played last year. Joe Harvey, Kevin Curry and Paul Gillis remain the secondary. It is a strong senior unit, and Coach Baker says, "We must be more aggressive on defense, and we'll have to get good leadership from our seniors."

Maybe the question mark on offense is QB, and maybe not. Senior Tim Russell started seven times

last year, finally gave way to Marty Crosby, who graduated. Russell was the No. 2 rusher (347 yds) but he threw only 30 for 64. From the I the passing game was worth about 45 percent of the yards, but the top runner, Stump Mitchell (972 yds, 5.2 avg), returns. Regulars in the backfield include fullback Jeff Turner and flanker Mark Slawson. Up front it reads the same except at right tackle, Don Rust (6-1, 230), and he started four Saturdays. At ends, Orion Rust and Mark Hunt; tackles, John Burke and Rust; guards, Bloodworth and David Kreber; center, Tom Fedrick. Their blocking could make a stronger running I.

**UT-CHATTANOOGA**—(4-1-0, 7-3-1). For two years the Mocs have been in the conference, and twice they have shared the football championship. Coach Joe Morrison finds only five regulars on each unit, which means new people will get the call, and he realizes, "We have four conference games in our first six, we have got to start quickly." Maybe the defense will ride out the sudden-death possibility, having finished fourth in the nation against the rush (only 99.8 yds per opponent). Then, too, punter Greg Cater has been All-SC two years, and his 41.2 avg should keep the enemy backed up some.

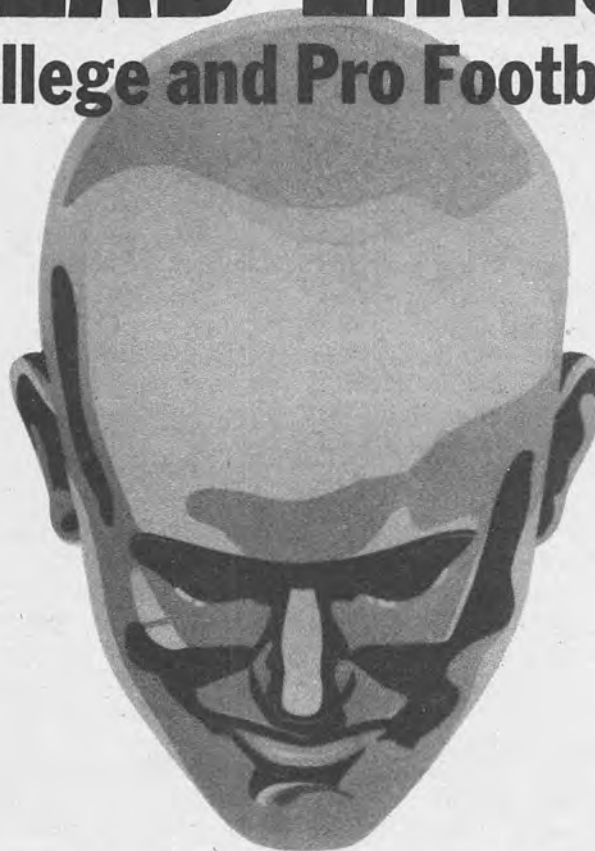
Two all-conference seniors spark this Moc defense: tackle Jacob Burney (6-2, 225) and end Frank Jordan (6-1, 210), who has been moved to LB. Along with nose guard John Creager (5-11, 240) and tackle Marty Duncan (6-2, 230), they were at the top of the tackling list for the past season. The secondary intercepted 19 times, but did allow 161 yds per game to the opposition, and this is where Coach Morrison must have replacements. Linebackers with experience include Alfonzo McCloud, Willis Yates, Bill Patterson and Louis McNillian, while in the second there are Robbie Robinson, Sam Hudson and Mike Mitchell.

Offensive question mark points directly to QB. Tony Merendino is gone, and Dennis Berkery, as the back-up, found passing heroics pulling two games out of the fire. The senior's experience gives him the starting edge over Steve Woods, whose early practice improvement was offset by a spleen operation. The runners are there. Gwain Durden led the SC in rushing (933 yds, 146 carries), while missing one game, and there is also Mike Smith with 769 yds. Together they were the NCAA's first freshman duo (1977) to gain 1000 for the same team. Speedy Joe Burke (30 catches) tops the receivers, and 28.1 yds per catch was the nation's No. 1 mark. The line lost All-SC Joe Petosa and Paul Edmonson, among other regulars, and it must be rebuilt.

**WESTERN CAROLINA**—(4-2-0, 6-5-0). Peaks and valleys are quite noticeable in the North Carolina mountains, location of Cullowhee and the WCU campus, and somehow Coach Bob Waters' past season yo-yoed that same course. Slow start, then six straight wins and 4-0 in the conference. All the Cats needed was a win over either Furman or Appalachian, but neither came. Coach Waters feels, "We are capable of making an even better run at the title this sea-

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son." There are 16 starters back, 10 on defense. Western will put the ball in the air (32 passes per game last year), and early offensive work will concentrate on putting pepper in the running game.

To get this ground attack, six runners were recruited, and maybe the last will get immediate action. He's Don Holmes (6-2, 204), maybe the fullback, with Robert Brown (310 yds) and Ricky Blake (312 yds) sharing tailback. But when the ball goes in the air, it goes with authority. QB Mike Pusey (6-0, 205) threw for 2045 yds and 14 TDs, and key target was speedy Gerald Harp (5-8, 155), the nation's No. 2 receiver with 62 catches (1145 yds, 11 TDs), also SC co-player of the year. In the line Curtis Allen, moved from regular tight end, and Joel Potts are veterans.

"This could be one of the best defensive teams ever," the coach says about the unit with 10 regulars on hand again. They include three all-conference performers: backs Thomas Gunn and Willie Carpenter, end George Alston. Willie Wells and Lee McCall join a secondary that picked off 18 passes. Gunn led the team in tackles. Larry McClain and John Strong are down linemen, Ricky Smith top linebacker. The Year of the Cat?

**APPALACHIAN STATE**—(4-2-0, 7-4-0). Boone found itself a town full of surprises last football season. Coach Jim Brakefield took a team which had been 2-9, with only a few seniors left, and turned it 7-4. The Apps set school offensive records, ninth in the nation in scoring. But the defense suffered disappointments and humiliation, such Saturdays as 52-34 to Furman, 72-14 to UTC. Coach Brakefield adds, "We were really up and down last year, but we came out of it with positive feelings—and fired up, ready to go." The Apps for the first time recruited to the NCAA maximum (30).

Defense got much of the off-season attention, and opponents must be cut off with less than 27 points a game, which was last season's demise. Sami Killman (6-3, 212), maybe the best defensive player on campus, will be starting for the fourth year. Guard Chuck Gordon starts again, and tackle Greg Angle has been moved to LB. Secondary returners are Jeff Vincent and Gary Falden, but many of the freshmen may work their way into this unit.

The mountain air does something for the passing game, and sophomore QB Steve Brown, who comes from coastal flatland North Carolina, discovered it early. He directed the wishbone to 173.5 yds per game—passing. He hit 55.9 percent of 204 throws, 1682 yds and 13 TDs. Split end Rick Beasley (60 catches, 971 yds) is there again; so is senior FB Eddie Estes (620 yds, and never a loss). Tight end Stan Cunningham caught only five passes, but three for TDs. Reserves move into the line with regular center Chuck Cole and guard David Turner.

**FURMAN**—(4-1-0, 8-3-0). When Dick Sheridan took over the Paladins as head man last season, he knew what was there. He had been Art Baker's assistant for five years. He did the job well: co-champion of the conference, in the top 15 nationally in three of-

fensive categories. Oh, yes, and Southern Conference coach of the year. But now, so suddenly, he's got to rebuild because gone is the entire receiving corps, half the line, the leading ground gainer, defensive front and half the secondary. He says, "We hope to be as good or better offensively, but though we have some experience on defense, we will be awfully young."

Senior QB David Henderson, SC co-player of the year, generated 422.5 yds per game, hitting 59.9 percent of his 187 passes, only six interceptions, 1732 yds and 12 TDs. Runners will be Steve Bishop (510 yds, 5.0 avg) and Mike Glenn (734 yds, plus 16 receptions). Linemen include Mark Dixon, Scott Sellers, Stan Stanley and Charlie Anderson.

All-SC Kevin Morgan (6-1, 230) sparks the returning line, being rejoined by outstanding David Lyle (6-4, 230) recovering from injury. Secondary regulars are Bill Freeman and Cris Buono, while the linebackers include all-conference Ronnie Cox. Replacements will come from the 44 lettermen in Coach Sheridan's second season as the head man.

**EAST TENNESSEE STATE**—(DPN, 4-7-0). The Buccaneers have played many of the Southern Conference football teams for years, but 1979 will be the first quest for championship honors. Coach Jack Carlisle, in his second season, has an exciting offensive unit again, but there is need for help in both lines, offense and defense. Those were key areas in the year's recruiting campaign, even into the junior college field for immediate help in this conference inaugural.

Senior Mark Hutsell (6-0, 193) started last season as the team's No. 2 QB but finished it as the No. 8 passer and total offense player in the nation. He hit 58.2 percent, 171 for 294, 2160 yds, 14 TDs. He had wide receiver Arnold Thomas (46 for 751 yds), tight end Charles Pittman (21 for 279) and flanker Shelby Cornelius (30 for 375). He has them again. Runners are soph Earl Ferrell, 277 yds before injury, and red-shirted transfer Van Williams (from Carson-Newman), a fine prospect. Big Mike Bromir (6-3, 220) heads the line as center.

Defensively there is returning talent, notably linebacker Charles Stein, tackle Dave O'Donohue, nose guard Al Anderson and back Paul McKenney. Fitting in the plans will be Juco transfers Ron Phillips, nose guard; Henry Smith, defensive back; and Harry Cosby, linebacker. Red-shirted and now eligible is tackle Jeff Rawlings (6-3, 250), transfer from SE Louisiana. Coach Carlisle has a winning record—even as a girls basketball coach some years ago.

**VIRGINIA MILITARY**—(1-4-0, 3-8-0). Coach Bud Thalman was trying to bounce back last fall, but the ball wouldn't cooperate. He's on the same campaign, and there may be some things going for the Keydets again. First off, the defense came up with some big plays even in a 3-8 season, and eight of those regulars return. So does Craig Jones, and here's a senior cadet who is within 14 field goals of equalling Tony Franklin's NCAA record. He hits 70 per cent from any distance, automatic inside the 40. He's also 3.7

in the classroom, which he has changed from civil engineering to English. And the Keydets do have six home games for the first time in the school's history.

Thalman's defense has one regular linebacker, senior Tony Zoetis, and there are four senior interior linemen: Jeff Morgan, to be a four-year starter at nose guard; Tim Cox and Ricky Gilbert at ends; and Pat McCarthy at tackle. Also look for soph tackle G. J. Walley (6-3, 235), one of only five freshmen to letter. Steve McKenna, out last fall, returns in the secondary to help with the challenge.

However, on the offense the Keydets are hunting for a quarterback. Back-up for two seasons, senior Larry Hupertz has the job now. He was a fine replacement two seasons ago in several games, but last fall saw very little action. He has runners Jeff Washington, Butch Hostetter and soph Floyd Allen, with fullback regular Sam Woolwine. Up front are senior center Craig Cox, senior tackle John (Inhuman) Shuman and guard Mark Layne. But it may have to call on the defense again—and Craig Jones, naturally.

**MARSHALL**—(0-5-0, 1-10-0). Sonny Randle returns to college football as head coach, and the Thundering Herd certainly offers every challenge. Randle philosophizes, "I've never felt more challenged, because taking a football program which is down and turning it around is the ultimate for a college football coach." He takes a team which got only 742 passing (to opponents' 1615), managed 2018 rushing (to opponents' 2837), scored only 113 points (to opponents' 292). It was back to the basics in the spring, possibly in the early fall also. Incoming recruits may be on the field for the opening kickoff.

Among 38 lettermen are 12 regulars, equally split on the two units. The offense retains the backfield: QB Danny Wright, leading rusher with 652 yds in 195 carries, passing only 89 times (and hitting 32); runners Tim Campbell (307 yds) and David Crips (308 yds). Randle is pass-oriented and he does have receivers Todd Ellwood, Tom Schroeder and Mike Natale. The blocking line (for the I) will provide a wide open battle.

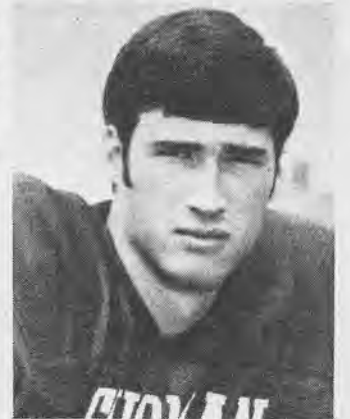
New defense will be the multiple-50, and key people will be linebacker Brad Morrison, backs Kevin Smith and George Crisp, nose guard George Elliott, tackle Jim Johnson and end Mike Hamrick. The effervescent Randle has accepted the campus motto (maybe he wrote it), which reads, "The Changing Image of Marshall Football." You better believe.

**DAVIDSON**—(0-0-0, 5-5-0). It was Davidson's first non-losing season since 1969, when the Wildcats won the SC championship. Davidson plays in NCAA Division I-AA. Most of the team returns, and there is Wildcat fever. Coach Ed Farrell, now in his sixth season, sees the possibilities and he views the prospects with his usual brand of optimism. Then he adds, "But with a touch of caution." That's the old Davidson spirit. He has 17 starters returning, lettermen at all positions, although depth is a problem, nothing unusual with the Wildcats.

The Wildcats averaged 364 yards total offense,



**CRAIG JONES** puts foot to one of 42 field goals he has hit in career at VMI, ranking him 10th on all-time NCAA list. He was tops among 1979 kickers.



**DAVID HENDERSON**, QB at Furman, completed 112 of 187 passes, 1732 yds. and 12 TDs last season as junior when he shared SC Player of the Year award.

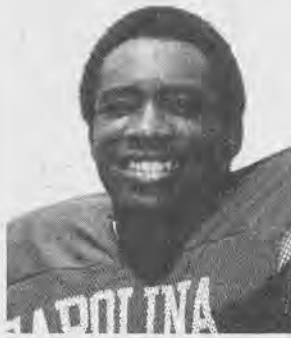
and QB Al Rhyne (68 completions, 1329 yds, 13 TDs) led the attack. He will be challenged by sophomore Brian Whitmire. Runners are Alvin Atkinson (626 yds, 4.6 avg) and Craig Pyles (543 yds, 4.2 avg). Wide receiver Gifford Piercy averaged 22.2 yds per catch (37 for 820 yds) and led Division I-AA. Linemen set again are center Dave Donaldson, guard Patrick Pope and tackle Dan Kliner.

Nine regulars return on defense, good experience. Farrell acknowledges this: "Our optimistic feelings on defense are the result of experience at all positions." That includes Barry Cannon and Glenn Echols, ends; Dylan Faircloth, tackle; Guy Harbert, linebacker; Virgil Fludd, Phil Gilbert, Kevin Hanna and Mike Sheridan, secondary. The Wildcats could even get involved in the I-AA playoffs.

### INDEPENDENTS

**SOUTH CAROLINA**—(5-5-1). Jim Carlen knows better than to say he had a five-year plan when he came to the Gamecocks. This is the fifth season, and this would be it. But Coach Carlen has 36 lettermen,





**GEORGE ROGERS** gained 1006 yards for Gamecocks in soph season of 1978.

**GARRY HARPER** tossed nine TDs in '78. He guides the South Carolina offense.

among whom are 18 returning starters, and there is talent, and there is experience. Coach Carlen, who is hungry, says, "Our players have a good attitude, and they're hungry." This could be the Gamecocks that won't lose games 12-16 to Duke, 3-6 to Georgia Tech, 22-24 to North Carolina. Something happened to the defense in the second quarter a year ago, out-scored 35-92. In the other three periods the opposition got only 89 points, just six in the third quarter. Something's going to change in those second 15 minutes.

Rushing dominated the offense a year ago, and QB Garry Harper (6-0, 180) returns to direct it. He passed for nine TDs, but it was actually George Rogers inside and Johnny Wright outside. Fullback Rogers (6-2, 205) bulled for 1006 yards in just eight games, and he had shoulder surgery in off-season. He averaged 5.7 yards, and Wright 5.1 (903 yds). Senior John Bailey and speedster Horace Smith are receivers; Willie Scott and Ben Cornett share tight end. Only center is open, the line having tackles George Schechterly (6-3, 255) and Bill Lane (6-3, 245), guards Steve Gettel (6-1, 250) and Fred Davis (6-0, 235).

Front men in the 50-defense are experienced: senior end Brett Bond, tackle Steve Bernish and guard Fred Sinclair, moved from tackle. Juco transfer Donnie McDaniel (6-4, 225) challenges at the other end. Seniors, both with over 100 tackles last season, are linebackers: Scott Wade and Tim Singleton, while the secondary has Andy Hastings, Mark Bridges and diminutive Lou Biondi (5-5, 170) at their same gunnery posts. The kicking game must be rebuilt, and it could be important in the defensive assignment, which includes special attention to the second quarter.

**EAST CAROLINA**—(9-3-0). The Pirates soundly beat Louisiana Tech in the Independence Bowl, and Coach Pat Dye moved into the five-year category for the first time, 10th winningest active coach. There is a constant saying around the coastal-flat campus in Greenville: "Carry on, carry on, carry on." Some 43 lettermen return, the offense has eight regulars.

Defense moves people up. It is apparent that the "Swarm," as the defensive unit called itself, must regroup after a season ranking No. 2 in the country. It may be the offense which provides the "Carry on" for this season, and Coach Dye looks to re-establish the "personality" of his wishbone who got points and big plays in the past.

Cat-quick QB Leander Green has all the tools. He can make the wishbone come true. Green gained 431 yards running, not counting some sacks, and he had eight TD passes. Behind him are fullback Theodore Sutton (5-9, 207) with a 4.9 average carry, Anthony Collins (5-11, 200) with a 5.8 average and Sam Harrell (6-2, 205) with a 5.7 average. Receivers Billy Ray Washington and Vern Davenport move up to starting ends. Joe Godette, tight end starter, steps over to tackle in a line of regulars: center Jeff Hagans, guards Mitchell Johnston (6-4, 235) and All-Southern Wayne Inman (6-4, 235), tackle Matt Mulholland (6-0, 242). It's an experienced unit which will now get the challenge.

On defense, there is first Mike Brewington, linebacker, team leader with 149 tackles, 4.7 forty. Coach Dye says, "You can talk about him in the same breath with any in the Big 8 or Big 10." Mike's a pro-sized 6-4, 230. Jeffrey Warren advances to the other LB, while the secondary returns Charlie Carter, Willie Holley and Wayne Perry. It's up front that Dye must rebuild, where senior Vance Tingler (6-3, 225) is the only regular at the same old stand. Senior John Morris and junior Clifford Williams are the ends, senior Noah Clark tackle, sophomore John Hallow nose guard. There the Pirates will have to dig in and play tough.

**VIRGINIA TECH**—(4-7-0). Bill Dooley's first season with the Fighting Gobblers was one of experimenting and building, and a lot of freshmen played. That was what the veteran coach anticipated, and he now looks to the second year with a good recruiting class. But he's practical in saying: "Lot of the freshmen are going to have to play, and how well they perform will determine what kind of season we have." That's a major call when the schedule includes such teams as Alabama. On the road, nat-

**KENNY LEWIS**, speedy tailback, rushed for 1020 yards and 10 touchdowns for Virginia Tech during 1978 season.



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urally. It is obvious that depth will be a major concern, just as any rebuilding endeavor experiences.

Two of the South's best backs lead the charge—speedster Kenny Lewis, the tailback who rushed for 1020 yards and scored 10 touchdowns last season, and bullish fullback Mickey Fitzgerald, (6-2, 242), a terrific blocker and 545-yard rusher. Running Coach Dooley's I-formtaion again will be Steve Casey, who won the job as a freshman last year. An adequate runner, he hit 61 of 118 throws for 678 yards with only four interceptions. Red-shirted freshmen Mike Giacalone and Tony McKee share split end, Paul Watkins tight end. But the interior offensive line is inexperienced in the role as starters except for guard Gary Smith (6-2, 241), who was a regular as a freshmen. Others will be center Roe Waldron, who worked up by season's end; guard Jeff Bailey, part-time starter; and tackle Steve Wirt, moved from guard in the off-season.

The middle of the defense should be strong. Giant tackles will be seniors Doug McDougald (6-6, 261) and Mike Faulkner (6-2, 247), with middle guard Danny Hill (6-2, 226). The ends are gone, so line-backer Nate Parker was moved there. Lewis Stuart, who called the defensive signals, returns as LB, but the secondary was depleted. That puts an extra assignment on the punter, sophomore Dave Smigelsky, who may have to improve on his 41 yard average to keep the Gobblers fighting.

**RICHMOND**—(3-8-0). Coach Jim Tait's Spiders won two of those games in the final three, including 27-18 over North Carolina. That's cause for current optimism. Nine offensive starters return, and that's cause also. The defense did not hold up well last season, but that unit lost six people. But the thing that concerns Coach Tait the most is the schedule. Richmond has seven games on the road. The coach's optimism: "For the last two years the lineup has been filled with freshmen and sophomores, who are now juniors and seniors and ready to tackle the big time."

Tailback Jesse Williams, a world class sprinter (9.3 hundred), averaged 5.5 per carry, 692 yards total and ranked seventh in the nation's kickoff returns. QB returns junior Jimmy Short, who ran the new veer last season, and the fullback slot is shared by two sophs, Guy Green and Barry Redden. Receivers are again senior Jay Arvai and junior Ken Tweedy, and the offensive line is almost intact. Senior Forrest Paulson (6-1, 230), who benches more than 500 pounds, and junior Jesse Moore (6-3, 260) are tackles, Joe Kroger center, Ricky Jenkins guard.

Defensively Richmond must replace six starters, but there is the ECAC's leading punter again, Mark Philp (40.3 avg). Only senior nose guard Ken Giliam (6-2, 230) and end Jim Coppola (6-3, 215) return on the front line. Junior Larry Braun, leading tackler with 155, remains as LB, while Rueben Turner and Glenn Cook top the secondary, which will miss consensus All-America safety Jeff Nixon. That's an understatement.

**WILLIAM & MARY**—(5-5-1). The Indians won their first three a year ago, and things were going great.

"Our receiving corps got banged up and that really did take its toll on our offensive production," says the head coach, Jim Root, "but overall we just didn't have the fire power we should have had, injuries or no injuries." For the coming year the Indians are minus QB Tom Rozantz, who started for four seasons.

Only seven starters return, five on the offense. Despite Rozantz missing, the backfield could be stronger with runners like Alvis Lang, 648 total yards, and Clarence Gaines, 405 in nine games, injured late in the season. QB is wide open—three underclassmen, who played sparingly, and three incoming freshmen. Mike Zupan returns as split back, and Mike Burgess, a three-year letterman out last season, comes back as wide receiver. Two-year starter John Cerminara is at guard, Bill Scott at tackle.

There are 18 lettermen on defense, but only two regulars: Fred Wallach at tackle, working with four reserves moving up, and Steve Shull at guard, where there are four other lettermen. This defense has playing time from the past two years, but it will have a lot of new faces.

**WOFFORD**—(3-8-0). That was a frustrating and unexpected record which Coach Buddy Sasser's Terriers encountered last season, but by the close of the schedule seven freshmen were starting on defense, three on offense. Thus 18 starters return, 10 on the defense. Top defenders include Terry Corbin and Lawton McIntosh linebackers, Spunk Pettus and Brian Lewis ends, Robin Howard middle guard. Center James Meadows (6-2, 225) has been moved to defensive tackle. However, the offensive backfield is depleted, but the line remains intact, including three-year starters Steve Hartley, tackle (6-0, 240), and Keith Kinard, guard (6-2, 235).

**GUILFORD**—(5-4-0). Coach Charles Forbes anticipates improvement, especially on offense although both QB and tailback are gone. Senior Nanny Fernandez steps up as QB in the pro-I system, and his top runner will be Chris Scissom (4.5 avg per carry). Except for center, the offensive line returns, including three-year starter James Dismuke, guard, and tackle Bill Branson (6-4, 240). New people are needed on the denfense to help linebacker Morris McArthur, tackles Andy Collins and Weldon Hinshaw, end John Wrape. The Quakers might just get what's needed from the offense to provide the coach that improvement on 5-4.

#### MID-EASTERN

**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE**—(5-0-1, 8-2-1). Bill Davis learned well under the excellent tutelage of head coach Willie Jeffries, who took the challenge at Wichita State. The Bulldogs return 35 lettermen in a program so well organized. Bulldog strength will be found in its offense, paced by QB Nate Rivers, MEAC offensive player of the year with 11 TD passes, third in rushing (489). This offense returns runner Chris Ragland (550 yds, 8 TDs) as well as linemen LeRoy Robinson (All-MEAC); wide re-

ceiver Ben Williams, moved from tight end; Ben Williams, swapping back from TE to WR; and wide receiver Charlie Brown. Linebacker Ervin Parker, Mutual Black Network All-America, sparks the established Bulldog defense, always nationally ranked, and he is joined by All-MEAC tackle Phillip Murphy and tackle Robert Geathers; ends Raleigh Jackson and Skip Dunham; backs William Judson and Dexter Clinkscales. Once again the South Carolina State forte will be defense, and QB Rivers can move the offense to regain national I-AA ranking.

**NORTH CAROLINA A&T**—(4-2-0, 6-6-0). The Aggies take a reserved optimism for the coming season. Coach Jim McKinley's Aggies lost the Gold Bowl to Virginia Union, but they will definitely be a contender for MEAC honors and I-AA rankings. Injuries hurt last season. They return 34 lettermen, including 10 offensive starters, eight defensive. Captain Smitty Davis (6-2, 225) anchors the offense as center, with guards Mike West (6-5, 266) and Clifton Britt (6-4, 250). Juco transfer QB Roland Myers, California's player of the year, will take over QB, with talented runners like Charlie Sutton (6-2, 225) with 549 yds, Bill Joyner 523 yds and Cleotis Johnson 370 yds. Defensively, the Aggies have stalwarts like ends James Williams (6-8, 235) and Gerry Green (6-4, 240); tackles Ulysses (Too Tall) Thompson (6-7, 255) and Leon Byrd (6-5, 250). Dennis Colt, injured, returns at linebacker with tri-captain Glenn Inman, who led the team in tackles. The secondary returns All-MEAC Tony Currie and hard-hitting Gerald Johnson. It will be quite a battle with the Bulldogs.

**HOWARD**—(2-4-0, 4-6-0). (The power of the Bison attack, with first year Coach Floyd Keith, will center around 53 returning lettermen. A pair of promising running backs and three veteran signal-callers spark the offense. Senior FB Leonard Orr got 502 yds last season, senior HB Beeman Veasley 476. QBs Brian Thomas, Ronald Wilson and Raymond Gray alternated as starters during last season. The pass attack hit only 42.4 percent and suffered 22 interceptions. Offensive line returns Elliott Boisdoire, Ralph Grimes, John Jenkins, Fred Reed and Ed McCain. LBs top the defense, including Larry Hamilton and Scott Facyson, and replacements must be found in the line and secondary. A total of 16 regulars return, missing only two on the offense.

**NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL**—(2-4-0, 3-8-0). During spring practice Ray Greene quit as head coach, and former Morgan State head coach Henry Lattimore took over. He certainly has a team with potential. QB will be sophomore William Marbury, who started some games last season. With a strong arm, the Eagles will pass more this time (after leading MEAC in team passing). Fullback Anthony Judd rushed 411 yds; Carl Sanders catches at wide receiver (44 catches, 657 yds, No. 1 in the conference). Five seniors spark the offensive line, including center Anthony Griffin, guards Thaddeus Cook and Gary Smith, tackles Vincent Pearsall (6-4, 275) and Larry

Howell. Veteran tackles Kenneth Ramsey and Terry Brown top the defensive with ends Gregory Wyly and Samuel Battle. Sophomore surprise Dennis Warner will guide the linebackers with Chris Smith.

**MORGAN STATE** (2-3-1, 4-6-1) presents Clarence Thomas as coach for his second season, and the Golden Bears' defense carried the team. Coach Thomas wants to change that with a young backfield, maybe pointing to sophomore QB Greg Grayson. Wide receiver Curtis Henderson is the top passing threat, with John Day and Cornelius Johnson as runners. Defensively, the front four will feature tackle Elvis Franks (6-5, 243) and end Carhur Cook. **DELAWARE STATE** (3-3-0, 3-7-0) seeks a QB, with the untested Bret Weber as most likely. Runners are Baron Harmon, Anthony Beamon and Boston Crum. Tight end Nathaniel Neal (6-4, 240) is the best receiver. Defensively, linebacker Gregory Wright and nose guard Calvin Mason are best. **MARYLAND-EASTERN SHORE** (2-4-0, 3-8-0) has new coach Tyrone Caldwell, up from defensive coordinator, and lost only six players. Junior QB Gregory Stephens directs attack, as a soph he was second in the league in total offense. FB Carl Hardaway tops running, with center Mike Thornhill and tackle Maurier Winston (6-5, 230) as blockers. Top defensive tackles are Ed Jackson (6-3, 240) and Norton Majors (6-4, 235), with senior Mike Anderson leading the secondary which lost three starters.

#### SOUTH ATLANTIC

**ELON**—(6-0-1, 10-2-1). Seventy years ago, football began at Elon. Coach Jerry Tolley emphasizes, "Our goal is to win the SAC-8 crown and to bring the national championship to Elon College for the first time ever." Elon lost in the NAIA title game a year ago, and Coach Tolley lost only six starters. The entire backfield returns: QB Mike Curtis, FB James Dove and NAIA All-American Bobby Hedrick, now a junior, over 1500 yards and 20 TDs as a soph. At tight end is Joey Jackett (6-5, 225), and in the line two transfers come big: tackles 6-4, 244 Chris Robins (from Villanova) and 6-4, 231 Robert Bickel (from Duke). The coach talks about an offense "producing more consistently." Capt. James Riddle, as linebacker, heads the defense as All-SAC, along with tackle Jerry Cook (6-4, 250) and soph Adrian Robertson (6-4, 255). The secondary returns intact also, a school record 31 interceptions and sparked by All-SAC safety Bryan Burner, who snared 12 of them as the Fighting Christians fought all the way to No. 2 in the nation.

**PRESBYTERIAN**—(6-0-1, 8-2-1). After the Blue Hose best season in 20 years and the co-conference title, Coach Cally Gault anticipates another good year. The offense misses only one regular and the key personnel include tackle Roy Walker, Kodak All-American (6-4, 220); All-SAC-8 QB Jimmy Spence; All-SAC-8 running back Clayto Burke (6-0, 192); and split end Jessie Cason (46 catches, 552 yds). Of the 30 lettermen only four defensive starters are included, but they are headed by All-SAC-8 end Jim



McCourn (6-2, 216), linebacker Steve Stalvey, backs Erskine Reed and Heyward Hinton. The veteran coach has some fine newcomers to add to the Blue Hose layout. It could be a year a stitch above co-champion.

**LENOIR RHYNE**—(4-3-0, 6-5-0). The Bears just want to start a little earlier. Two years ago L-R won four of its last five games, and last fall Coach Jack Huss' team turned victory in five of their last seven. With 44 lettermen and 16 starters (evenly split), it has a strong nucleus to get things going sooner. A strong offensive backfield is a big point: two talented quarterbacks, Jeff Flowe and Craig Corbett, along with tailback Don Strayhorn (967 yds, 5.1 per carry) and fullback Kevin Johnson (4.7 per carry). The line has center Rusty Wall (6-0, 238), guards Charles Holtzclaw (6-1, 243) and Steve Strickland (5-10, 225), tackles Ronnie Deal, All-SAC-8, and Mike Hawks. The Bears had the league's top rushing attack. Defensively, the Bears return senior linebackers Brad Lawing and Hicks Beam, along with ends Joe Helton and Steve Witherspoon with the secondary intact. And Rick Mashburn, who as a freshman was the league's top punter (41.3 average) and All-SAC-8.

**NEWBERRY**—(4-3-0, 7-3-0). The Indians were tabbed to bring up the conference cellar a year ago, and they tied for third. Reed Charpia was named coach of the year as a result, and there is continued optimism with 20 lettermen, including 12 returning starters. But there is inexperience at the receiving spots, as well as at linebacker. On defense are two Indians who made the 2nd all-conference team, end Chris Miller and cornerback Jerry Hefney, along with end Herbie Spencer, middle guard Barry Knight, tackle Stan Stanton and backs Randy Lamar and Glenn Edge. Russ Parrish, as a freshman, made 2nd all-league punting, too. QB Eddie Pettus heads the attack, having Rick Harward returning at fullback and Gary Cali as flanker. The offensive line needs depth, but key blockers returning are Damone Leaphart, 2nd all-league (6-1, 240), tackle, and Berry Walton, guard.

**MARS HILL** (2-5-0, 5-7-0) topped the league on total defense, and Coach Claude Gibson has eight starters returning, including tackle John Gullledge (6-0, 240) and two All-SAC-8 backs, Steve Campbell and Danny Miller. QB is Mike Wooten in a backfield intact: Kenny Phillips, James Miller and Roger Cruell. **CATAWBA** (2-5-0, 4-6-0) will move talented freshmen in early, after Coach Warren Klawiter's fine recruiting season. Strong running backs are Danny Days and Ricky White (826 yds), behind blocking from junior tackle Rick Jones (6-4, 245) and David Cashett, moved from the defense. **GARDNER-WEBB** (2-5-0, 4-5-1) signed Thomas Moore off the Clemson staff as head coach when Billy Kinard joined the New England Patriots, and there are 13 starters among 30 lettermen. Seven defensive starters return, including All-SAC-8 guard Noel Wiseman and back Chris Johnson. On offense Robbie

Barnes, all-league (1001 yds), and Lee Robertson go again, but JB Matt Ballard comes off knee surgery. **CARSON-NEWMAN** (1-6-0, 2-8-0) wants to rebuild Coach Ron Case's defense, then find replacements for two all-conference receivers. At QB are Jay Andrews and John Springer for the vacancy. A veteran offensive line checks off center Joe Gibson, guards Greg Parman and Bill Brimer. Incoming freshmen might bring with them the answer to the flight (or plight) of the Eagles.

#### CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE

**WINSTON-SALEM STATE**—(8-0-0, 11-1-0). Talkative Coach Bill Hayes is going for three—the Rams' third consecutive unbeaten record in the regular season. The offense again has one of the nation's top running backs, Timmy Newsome (6-3, 217), now a senior. He ran for 137.7 yards a game, scored 15 TDs, named top offensive player in the country by the Pittsburgh Courier. QB Kermit Blount, sometimes a magician, again directs the attack, which shows wide receiver Antonio Howard and placekicker Derek Brewington. This attack gained 317.8 yards per game, well over 100 yds better than the second place team. The Rams were also No. 1 in the CIAA on rush defense, again sparked by Winfred Mack up front, as a co-captain with Newsome, and all-star Spergeon Thompson in the secondary. And Coach Hayes has 18 seniors who want to keep that string of wins going.

**VIRGINIA UNION**—(5-2-1, 7-4-1). Coach Willard Bailey comes off the Gold Bowl championship (beating North Carolina A&T of the MEAC 21-6) with optimism: "The defense is intact, the offense is quick. I believe in a disciplined offense and a hostile defense." Co-captains were All-CIAA: safety Leroy Adams (6-3, 190) and offensive guard Curtis Lyman (6-1, 240). Replacing Garfield Mizelle at QB has top priority, in an offense that returns running back James Ferebee, fullback Nathan Farley and flanker Malcolm Barnwell. A good defense centers around yet another All-CIAA senior, end Plummer Bullock (6-3, 220). The Big Red Machine is set to engineer a definite challenge for the title.

**FAYETTEVILLE STATE**—(5-2-1, 6-4-1). The Broncos jumped on a few people by surprise a year ago and finished tied for second in the conference. Coach Raymond McDougal reasons, "They'll be looking for us this time around." Only eight starters were graduating seniors, but several other were lost in the off-season. However, among 21 lettermen are QB Ed Davis, running backs Arthur Becton and Maverick Jackson, an explosive duo by season's end. The offensive line must be rebuilt. An aggressive linebacking corps includes Anthony Freeman, Jerry Davis, Ronnie Oats and Don Andrews. The defense has end Willie Gray and back Ike Hall for experience. McDougal feels this is his best recruiting year in 10 seasons at FSU and offensive tackle Freddie Garrett (6-3, 240), might be just the recruit needed.

**NORFOLK STATE**—(5-3-0, 6-4-0). "We expect to be in the thick of the championship race," says head

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coach Dick Price. "We expect a lot out of LaRue Harrington, our top rusher who was injured last season, and out of the defensive unit which was No. 4 in the nation (Division II)." That defense is led by senior linebacker George Butts (6-1, 212), Dennis Anderson, Earl Jones and Tommy Bonds. The offense will also be aided by a Juco All-American transfer, running back Jeff Topping. Highly regarded as a return specialist, where he made the writers all-league pick, is Dwight Sweatt.

**ELIZABETH CITY STATE**—(4-3-1, 4-5-1). The Vikings needed to move the football better, so Coach Tommy Holmes recruited for blue-chip linemen, including four 6-4 or better, 255-260 pounds, one of which is tight end Curtis Franklin. Sophomore Robert McPhatter steps up to QB, where Johnnie Williams was the CIAA's top passer. Receivers are Tim Hampton, Mike Hill and two 5-7 leapers: Kelley White and Andrew Williams. All-CIAA linebacker James Pugh and back Fred Wilson provide the defensive leadership, which had the CIAA's top pass defense a year ago.

**LIVINGSTONE** (4-3-1, 5-4-1) has Coach Andrew Littlejohn in his first full year as head man, and the top four players returning are defensive tackle Willie Martin, defensive end Anthony Chambers, offensive tackle Glenn Bullock and QB Marshall Meadows. Twenty new recruits will battle for regular spots. **VIRGINIA STATE** (5-3-0, 5-6-0) goes for a rebuilding year after losing 14 seniors, and Coach Tom Morris signed several QBs because he said, "Our biggest problem will be to put points on the scoreboard." All-CIAA running back George Leonard (5-11, 210), 2nd in rushing (982 yds, 12 TDs) heads the offense with center Chuck Miles. **HAMP-TON** (4-4-0, 5-6-0) should be stronger, and Coach Walter Lovett expects his sixth season, after best recruiting ever, to show an improved offense. Victor South (6-1, 265) tops the offensive line, while the defense is led by tackle Ernie White (6-9, 302), end Mark Mason (6-4, 228), linebackers Calvin Felton and Curtis Milton. **JOHNSON C. SMITH** (1-7-0, 1-10-0) lost a senior team, and Coach Wylie Harris rebuilds with 23 recruits and the league's best punter, Cal Gill (39.28 yds per kick). **ST. PAUL'S** (1-7-0, 1-10-0) returns QB Willie Bell, LB (and captain) Gerald Hicks, guard Lydell LaSane and wide receiver Quentin Jackson to Coach Pernell Simms' plans.

#### *SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC*

**JACKSON STATE**—(5-1-0, 10-1-0). The Tiger wishbone powered 385.1 yards per game in a season which propelled Jackson State to the NCAA 1-AA playoffs, before losing to No. 1 Florida A&M 15-10. Coach W. C. Gordon returns 12 starters, eight of them on offense which led the SWAC scoring with 32.5 pts avg. Perry Harrington, top conference rusher with 1105 yds, heads this bullish attack, with Larry Cowan moving up at the running spot with Michael Stewart (480 yds). Sophomore QB Keith Taylor assumes the lead role. Two All-SWAC stars

are in the offensive line, juniors tight end Buster Barnett (6-7, 225) and tackle Tom Rice (6-3, 240). Defensively, the Tigers lost the secondary and two LBS, but at the latter spot All-SWAC Phillip Perkins (6-1, 219) returns with senior tackle Albert Jeffries heading the line. It is a veteran squad which came within one game of the conference title. The wishbone can certainly move the ball.

**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY**—(3-2-1, 6-3-1). A year ago the Delta Devils handed champion Grambling its only blotch (0-0 tie), James T. Thomas was chosen coach of the year and Melvin Williams was selected All-SWAC quarterback. It may be better this time around. Nine offensive starters are among the 33 lettermen, and Williams heads the backfield intact, with Ron Jones, Ricky Carson, Johnny Morris and leading scorer Robert Powell, FB. Veteran line includes guard Carl White (6-5, 240), tackles James Williams (6-3, 255) and Fred Jackson (6-5, 270), center Charles Cleve (6-3, 245) and tight end James Taylor (6-2, 220). Defensively, only Hubert Owens returns in the secondary, but starting LBs are veteran Dexter Hood and Timothy Batts, and senior linemen include tackle Jim Sankfield (6-5, 255) and end Hal Taylor (6-3, 235), both all-conference. There are high goals for the Delta Devils this fall.

**GRAMBLING**—(5-0-1, 9-1-1). Coach Eddie Robinson goes after his 20th consecutive winning season, and there's little or no reason it will not be achieved. Although the Tigers lost some all-conference seniors, other stars return for another shot at the all-star honors. On offense, they are running back Robert Parham (6-0, 195), who gained 759 yards as a sophomore, and center Jeffrey Hudson (6-2, 260). The defense is also experienced, sparked by senior Linebacker Aldrich Allen (6-0, 219) and senior cornerback James Williams. Grambling held the opposition to only 89 points in 10 games.

**SOUTHERN**—(2-4-0, 4-7-0). Coach Cass Jackson came in a year ago and installed the power-I, led the conference in passing with 172.4 yds avg and also produced 16.1 pts per game. Nose guard Ken Times (6-3, 240) off the All-SWAC selection, while the defense returns end Cleveland Green (6-5, 250) from all-conference as well.

**TEXAS SOUTHERN**—(1-4-1, 3-6-1) has six, all-conference players returning, including kicker Jackie McIntosh, who led the league in field goals (6). On offense are running back Robert Thomas (6-0, 220), wide receiver Saleem Muhammad, tight end John McLeod and tackle Dwight McNeil. Defensively, cornerback William Davis (6-2, 230) was all-conference. **ALCORN STATE** (2-3-1, 5-4-1) with veteran Coach Marino Casem has a big defensive end, William Jackson (6-3, 230), as a senior from the all-conference team, along with junior kicker Wilfredo Rosales. **PRAIRIE VIEW** (1-5-0, 3-7-0), under Coach Hoover Wright, has sophomore wide receiver Tracey Jones who was All-SWAC, being No. 2 receiver in the league with 41 catches for 592 yds, six TDs.

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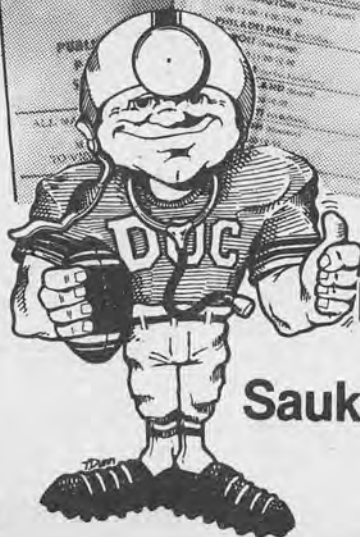
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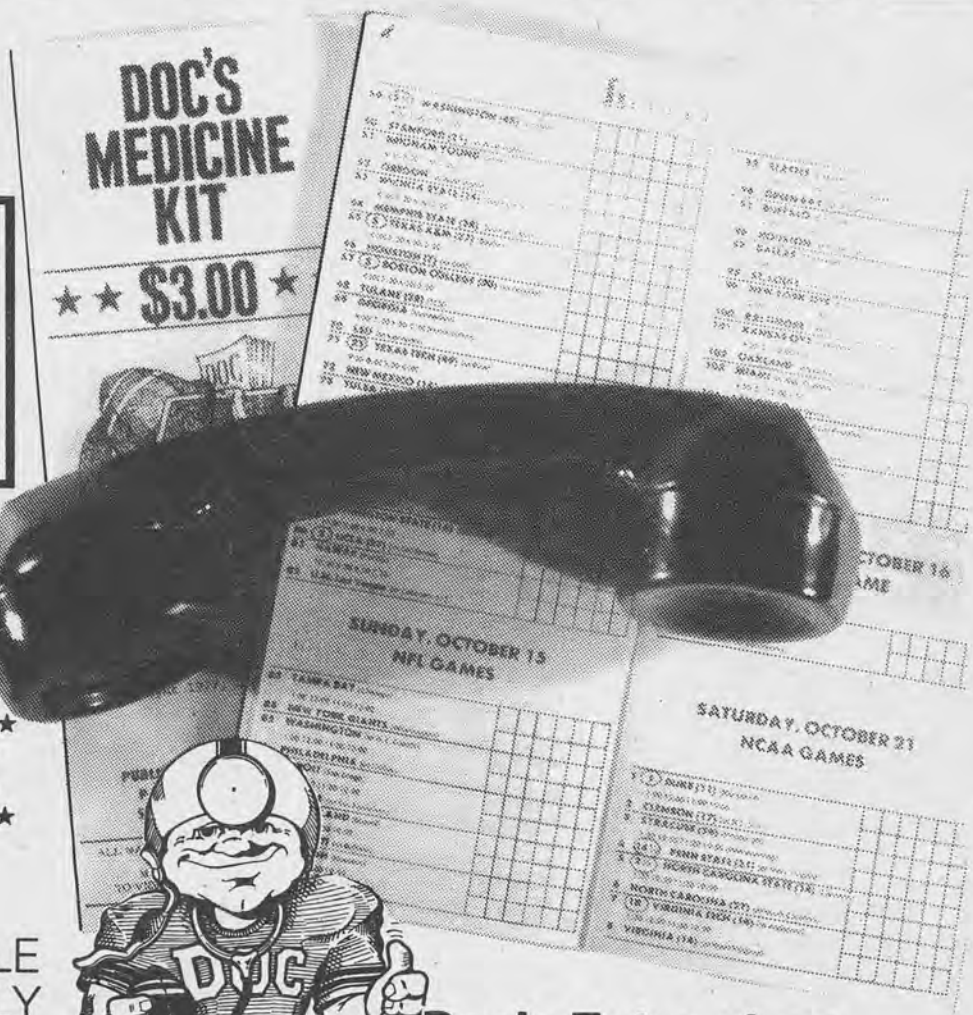
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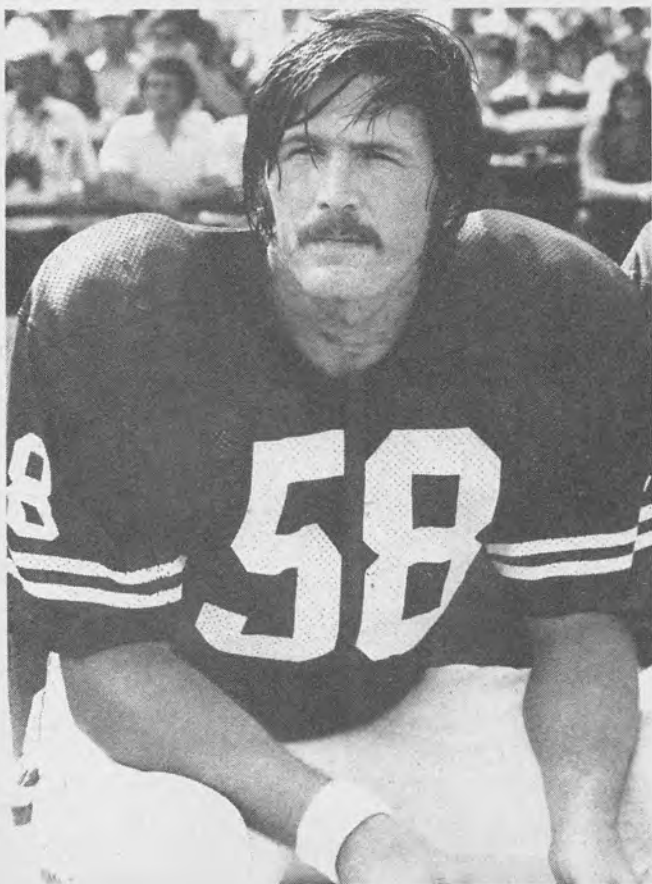


LANCE TAYLOR, 6-1, 220-pound senior middle linebacker for the Longhorns, is coming back from knee surgery.



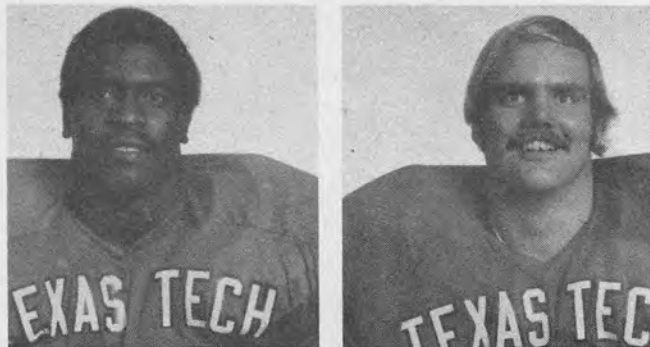
JOHNNIE JOHNSON, 6-1, 190-pound senior at Texas, gained All-America honors last year as defensive back.

WES HUBERT, 6-2, 255-pound center for the Longhorns, is a standout blocker beginning third year as a starter.



CURTIS DICKEY, left, heads Texas A&M's running game while JACOB GREEN, 6-3, 247 lbs., is solid defensive end.

JAMES HADNOT, left, led SWC in rushing last season. JOE WALSTAD, 255, anchors Texas Tech offensive line.





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# Southwest

## TEXAS IS TEAM TO BEAT BUT SIX TOUGH CLUBS ARE GEARED TO DO JUST THAT

### PREDICTIONS

#### Southwest

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|---------------|-------------|
| 1. Texas      | 6. Arkansas |
| 2. Texas A&M  | 7. Baylor   |
| 3. Texas Tech | 8. TCU      |
| 4. Houston    | 9. Rice     |
| 5. SMU        |             |

#### Independents

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| 1. North Texas State | 2. Texas Lutheran |
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#### Southland

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| 1. Louisiana Tech  | 4. McNeese      |
| 2. Arkansas State  | 5. SW Louisiana |
| 3. Texas-Arlington | 6. Lamar        |

#### Lone Star

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Angelo State      | 5. Sam Houston State |
| 2. Texas A&I         | 6. S.F. Austin       |
| 3. Abilene Christian | 7. East Texas        |
| 4. Southwest Texas   | 8. Howard Payne      |

#### Texas Intercollegiate AA

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| 1. Tarleton State | 4. Austin College |
| 2. Trinity        | 5. Sul Ross       |
| 3. McMurry        |                   |

**W**hen in doubt, they say, go with the best defense.

With that thought in mind, the University of Texas is nominated as a mild favorite to rule the Southwest Conference football race this fall.

Not that there is anything mild about the Longhorns. They have muscle, and speed, and confidence born of a history of success. But the Southwest Conference woods are full of ogres, things that go bump in the night for unwary title contenders.

"This conference," says one SWC head coach, "could be like the Big 10 was in basketball. At least seven of the nine teams can upset anybody on any Saturday. We're seeing the emergence of a great league."

He was excluding TCU and Rice—doormats for several seasons—but doing it nervously. Those bottom programs are on the rise. The upper seven are already making SWC loyalists claim the toughest, best-balanced football conference in the nation.

Coaches credit the influence of the NCAA's 30

and 95 scholarship limits plus full commitments at every outpost (TCU's F.A. Dry, after a 2-9 record, received a six-year contract and a new weight-training building) and some gung-ho recruiting. SWC teams divvy up the Texas schoolboy products and also range coast-to-coast gathering additional talent.

"There's no question," said SMU coach Ron Meyer, one of the more spectacular recruiters, "that five or six teams deep, this is the strongest league in the country. We have competition at the highest level. Texas may be the team to beat, but we're bunched up among the next six, and if anybody slips the void will be filled quickly."

Still and all, Texas does have that frightening defense. The only chink in the Orange armor could be some uncertainty about quarterback and running back.

Texas A&M can't be ignored. Tom Wilson succeeded Emory Bellard at mid-season last year, and by now has his talented troops indoctrinated in a more wide-open scheme of attack. Houston won it all last year and brings back some glittering personnel. Texas Tech, the surprise of 1978, should be better a year later. SMU already has the nation's best passing attack and recruited several outstanding runners. Baylor needs only for a quarterback to take charge. Arkansas suffered heavily at graduation time, but one coach warns, "They're good. You don't go from the penthouse to the outhouse with a good program like that."

So, as Houston's Bill Yeoman says, seven teams COULD win the SWC. "And Rice and TCU," he adds, "are closing the gap fast. This conference can play with anybody. Three or four teams could be great. We'll find out early, when we play UCLA, Tech plays USC, A&M plays Penn State and Texas plays Oklahoma."

Certainly the SWC offers some of the best quarterbacks in the land, and mostly they are underclassmen. SMU's Mike Ford led the nation in total offense. Others with superior credentials are Mike Mosley of Texas A&M, sophomore Ron Reeves of Texas Tech and Rice's Randy Hertel. Nobody in this league is afraid to throw the ball.

Not that good runners don't abound, led by rushing champ James Hadnot of Texas Tech, sprint champ Curtis Dickey of Texas A&M and sizzling sophomore Walter Abercrombie of Baylor. Receivers? Try Emanuel Tolbert of SMU, who has 126



catches in two years. Or Olympic dash man Johnny (Lam) Jones of Texas. And Texas safety Johnnie Johnson is already All-America.

It could be the year of the lineman, like Texas' Steve McMichael, Bill Acker and Wes Hubert; Jacob Green of Texas A&M, Hosea Taylor, Leonard Mitchell and Melvin Jones of Houston; Mike Jusko of SMU, Greg Kolenda of Arkansas, Gary Don Johnson of Baylor, Wesley Roberts of TCU. Several of them will be All-America candidates.

Freshmen could make an impact at SMU and several other schools. There's even a rookie stadium involved, as SMU moves from the Cotton Bowl to Texas Stadium, the Dallas Cowboys' semi-enclosed playpen in suburban Irving.

Texas will play SMU there in one of the key contests. In fact, the schedule is not in UT's favor. The Steers face Arkansas, Houston, A&M and SMU on the road. The Aggies, on the other hand, catch most of the contenders in friendly Kyle Field.

Texas A&I and Angelo State (the NAIA national champion) should ride at the top of the feisty Lone Star Conference. In the Southland Conference a three-team race is forecast among Arkansas State, Louisiana Tech and Texas-Arlington. North Texas State remains a strong independent, while Tarleton State will try to repeat in the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

There are no new coaches in the Southwest Conference (A&M's Wilson having been in charge for five games and a bowl in 1978), but the area's other schools abound in new geniuses. Larry Lacewell takes over at Arkansas State, Larry Beightol at Louisiana Tech, Larry Kennan at Lamar, Jerry Moore at North Texas State, Ted Sitton at Abilene Christian, Jim Wacker at Southwest Texas and Harold Mayo at Howard Payne.

### *SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE*

**TEXAS**—It's hard to believe that 1978 was really a rebuilding year for the Longhorns. It's especially hard for Maryland to believe, after a 42-0 Sun Bowl drubbing. But Texas' 9-3 mark was forged while waiting for young backs to emerge, and with a generally untested offensive line.

Fred Akers' defense was also youthful, but most of the defensive cast had played on the Cotton Bowl team the year before. And most of those guys are still around.

That defense is why Texas is favored now. It features one authentic All-America and a couple of others who could be by December.

There are still some problems for Akers to solve. One is at quarterback, an uncertain position for the last four Longhorn teams. The other is running back, where there is a considerable fall-off after you get past sophomore A.J. Jones.

But the defense is a problem only for Texas opponents.

Johnnie Johnson (6-1, 190) not only won All-America honors at free safety but was named the top defensive back in the nation in the same balloting that produced the Heisman Trophy verdict. He's a terror, a swift sword who intercepts passes, separates

receivers from their wits and who may be the best punt returner in college football.

But Johnson shares the spotlight with tackles Steve McMichael and Bill Acker and a trio of exceptional linebackers.

McMichael and Acker are both 250 pounds and both from the same small town—Freer, Texas. Population 2850. Last year Acker led the team in sacks; McMichael led in tackles. With them on the line are ends Ron Bones (235) and Henry Williams (240).

And if McMichael or Acker needs relief, sophomore Kenneth Sims (6-6, 265) is a feature star waiting in the wings.

Lance Taylor (220), Robin Sendlein (225) and Bruce Scholtz (6-6, 233) are the sort of super linebackers it takes to keep Doug Shankle (230) or Mark Martignoni, if he returns from knee surgery, on the bench. Johnson's help in the secondary comes from Ricky Churchman (195) and cornerbacks Derrick Hatchett and Vance Bedford.

There's almost the same quality on offense. Either Jon Aune (200) or Donnie Little (200) will be the quarterback. Aune has been on the shelf for a year-and-a-half. Little, as a freshman last year, was the team's No. 2 rusher but still erratic as a passer.

A.J. "Jam" Jones (200) gained 465 yards as a rookie and will do much better. The other backfield spot could go to big Leroy King (215) or little speedster Rodney Tate (170). Johnny "Lam" Jones still has Olympic-gold-medal speed at flanker. Les Koenning steps in at split end. And the tight end is sophomore Lawrence Sampleton (6-6, 230 and fast), who averaged 24 yards per reception as a freshman.

The offensive line returns virtually intact. Craig Rider (250) and Terry Tausch (260) are the tackles, with Joe Shearin (233), former tight end Les Studdard (246) and '78 starter Mike Baab (250) available at guard. Wes Hubert (250) has already started two seasons at center and is the best blocker on the line.

In short, the defense alone can carry Texas a long way. But the offense ain't so bad itself.

**TEXAS A&M**—Aggie fans who've been out of the country since last October aren't going to recognize their team this fall.

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Wilson, former Texas Tech quarterback, believes in wide-open offense and hired former Pitt and Florida State aide George Haffner to help him implement that philosophy.

So much for the new ideas. It is just as important that the old weapons—Curtis Dickey, Mike Mosley, Jacob Green—are still around. Mosley (185) is a sprinter-quarterback who does it all. He passed last year for 1157 yards, ran for 248, and is backed up by talented David Beal. Dickey is the key, though. Surely the fastest man in college football, the 205-



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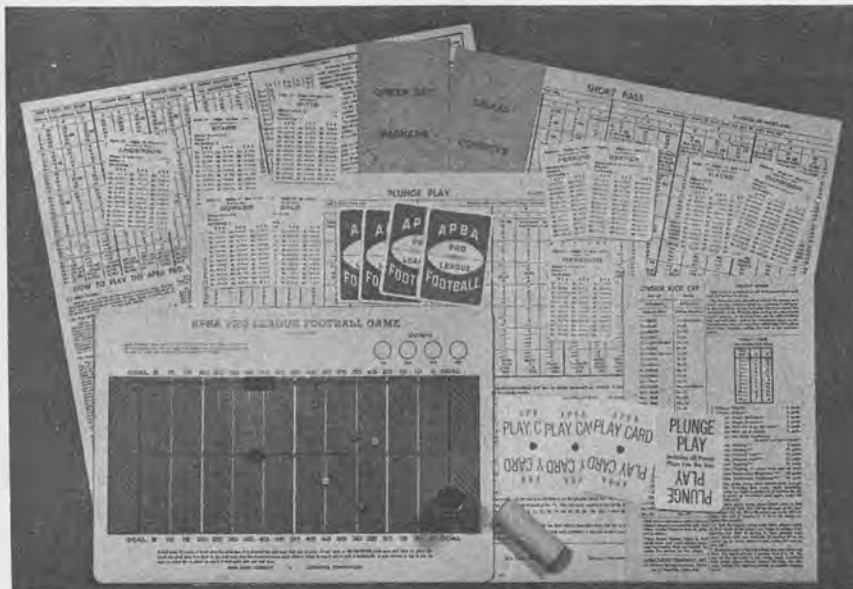
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pound Dickey rushed for 1146 yards last year. He's made to order for Wilson's "I" formation. The fullback will be another veteran, David Brothers (216), and a couple of freshman backs could see playing time also.

Wide receivers Doug Teague (166) and Gerald Carter are back, while Phillip Simpson (212) or Chuck Carr (225) will inherit the tight end job. The offensive linemen, adapting to Wilson's "I," are large and capable. Curtis Jennings (251) and Zach Guthrie (261) are the tackles, with Paul Hagerty (241) and Ed Pustejovsky at guard and Preston Dickson at center.

The defensive changes are mostly personnel replacements, especially in the line. The Aggies remain in a very physical 4-3 which has served them well.

The defensive counterpart to Dickey is All-American candidate Jacob Green, a 247-pound defensive end who last season caused six fumbles, had 13 quarterback sacks, broke up five passes and debited opponents with 160 yards in losses. On the other flank is James Zachery (244), another speedy big man.

The losses were at tackle, where Gerald Galloway (262) now assumes a starting role, probably paired with highly-touted junior college product Mark Moore (245). They are new, but could be awesome.

Middle linebacker Doug Carr (195) returns—he led the team in tackles—as do outside backers Mike Little (195) and Cal Peveto (223).

Steady senior free safety Carl Grulich (190) heads a secondary which includes cornerbacks Elroy Steen (205) and Leandrew Brown (206) and strong safety John Dawson (190).

Overall, Wilson's Aggies will be exciting. The talent is there (37 lettermen are available) and so is some frustration that wasn't entirely wiped away by a 28-12 bowl game victory over Iowa State.

**TEXAS TECH**—Maybe Rex Dockery does it with mirrors. In his first year at the Red Raider helm, Dockery took a depleted roster and posted a 7-4 record. He put a tight end at fullback and saw him lead the SWC in rushing. He put a freshman at quarterback and THAT worked.

Now Dockery takes his Texas-coach-of-the-year awards—plus a team that is now one year older and more experienced—and shoots for the stars.

But he hasn't discarded the mirrors.

It would be hard to imagine a more successful bit of derring-do, though, then the shift of James Hadnot from tight end to fullback. Hadnot (6-4, 240) had been a good end. As the 1978 season progressed, he became a great fullback. He wound up stomping through the opposition for 1369 yards and also found time to catch 20 passes.

Mark Olbert (190) is the top returnee at tailback, but Dockery may come up with help for him. Quarterback Ron Reeves (210) gained 1600 yards and accounted for 17 touchdowns as a freshman, but must fight off clever Randy Page. Reeves' favorite passing targets graduated, but Howie Lewis (204), Mike Jackson, Howie Newsome and Tim Orr could be adequate. Mark Harrelson (220) has good hands at tight end.

The line returns almost intact. Ken Walter (238) and Robert Caughlin (269) are the tackles. Joe Walstad may move from guard to center, which would leave veterans Larry Martin and George Smitherman (250) at guard. Either way, Walstad (255) is a standout.

Dockery has been at work on the defense, too. One returning starter, Jeff McKinney (220), made a spring switch from end to nose guard. That leaves Jeff Crombie (220) and Roger Jones (190) at the ends, with stout David Hill (255) and Jim Verden (240) at tackle, all backed up by more lettermen.

At strong linebacker Jeff Copeland (230) and Rusty Maroney (215) are both available, and both have starting experience. Sophomores C.M. Pier (200) and Terry Baer (210) could alternate at weak linebacker.

The secondary was a surprise last year and may be the real strength of the Tech defense. Sophomore Alan Swann (185) and senior Willie Stephens return at the corners. Swann picked off five passes, Stephens four, and both are solid tacklers. Larry Flowers (184) is a hitter at strong safety. Ted Watts (175), a junior letterman, could move ahead of senior starter Johnny Quinney (200) at free safety.

A bonus for the Raiders is the kicking game. Sophomore Maury Buford led the nation in punting last year, while Bill (Blade) Adams was perfect on extra points and hit 16 of 20 field goal attempts.

When Dockery looks in the mirror this fall, he may like what he sees. Tech won't have the element of surprise that helped a year ago, but it does have Hadnot, Reeves and company.

**HOSEA TAYLOR**, 6-5, 260-pound Houston junior, shows how he put the muscle on opposing quarterbacks in 1978.





**EMANUEL TOLBERT** snared 62 passes for 1041 yards for SMU in the '78 season.

**MIKE FORD**, Mustangs' QB, led nation in total offense in sophomore season.

**HOUSTON**—The rest of the league doesn't trust Bill Yeoman. His Cougars have now won two Southwest Conference football titles in three years of competition, and it looks like Yeoman will always come up with a contender.

Last year he appeared to be fresh out of running backs, but he wound up with two 1000-yard rushers. Now they are gone, along with dazzling quarterback Danny Davis. But no one is willing to bet that Houston won't find a way to have another offensive powerhouse.

The quarterback replacement, Delrick Brown (160) is experienced (he filled in when Davis was injured in 1977), a good runner and an adequate passer. He's backed up by talented squadman Terry Elston (207) and redshirt whiz Darrell Shepard (168). Perhaps the key to the UH offense, though, is up front. The line stacks up with anybody's. Returning to duty are tackles Melvin Jones (270) and Robert Jones (228) and guards Jack Faniel (260) and Dennis Greenawalt (226), and they are all all-conference candidates. Randy Swisher steps in at center.

Terald Clark (190) and John Newhouse (199) are the top returnees at running back, the team's No. 4 and 5 rushers last season. But sophomores David Barrett (220) and Eddie Wright (190) offer competition, and there are some touted freshman coming in. Garrett Jurgajtis (229) is back at tight end, with Eric Herring (185) outstanding at split end and Mark Jermstad getting a chance at flanker.

Even rebuilt, that offense has the traditional Yeoman stamp of speed and size. The defense, meanwhile, could be awesome.

A more humane society would declare defensive tackles Hosea Taylor and Leonard Mitchell illegal, or else make them pay a highway tax like the other big trucks. Taylor (6-5, 260) was an all-conference choice last year as a sophomore. Mitchell (6-7, 270)

is agile enough to start on the UH basketball team. He wasn't even a starter in football last season and still made second-team all-SWC. Sandwiched between that pair is nose guard Robert Oglesby (226). On the flanks are Sam Proctor (190), and James Wilson (205) or maybe Joe Redmon.

David Hodge plays linebacker the way Taylor and Mitchell play tackle. Hodge (215) was another all-conference performer. His running mate, Steve Bradham (217), is also back, as are top reserves like Joe Keys and Mike Black.

The secondary also returns intact, with Gerald Cook (199) and Ken Hatfield at the corners and Tommy Ebner (200) and Elvis Bradley at the safety positions. Cook picked off four passes last year. And you can also count Mitchell as a secondary helper—he returned TWO passes for touchdowns while lined up at tackle.

The Cougars are short of experienced depth in many places. Last year the defense was great in some games, not so great in others. Yeoman wants to fix that. But he's back in a darkhorse role, and that was exactly the situation in 1976 and 1978, when it turned out to be Houston that carried the SWC pennant to the Cotton Bowl.

**SMU**—They call it "Mustang Mania," and what it means is that when Ron Meyer's SMU team sneezes, or signs a new recruit, or completes yet another pass, athletic director Russ Potts seizes it as an opportunity to sell some more tickets. Meyer provides the team, Potts the "Mania," and it works.

It is getting to be quite a team that Meyer is putting together. He has the nation's total offense leader in Mike Ford and the No. 2 pass receiver in Emanuel Tolbert. Now, reporting in the fall, are a small army of the best running backs Texas high schools can offer.

There is so much hoopla and excitement around SMU football that it should be kept in mind that the Mustangs were 4-6-1 last fall. But do not look for four victories to satisfy anyone this time around. The Ponies are ready to be very, very tough. Last year they scored a bunch and gave up a bunch. Now they may score more and give up less.

Ford is the key to the offense. Only a junior and already author of 5071 passing yards, the 6-3, 230-pounder accounted for 17 TD passes in 1978, and 11 of them went to Tolbert (5-10, 180), who earned All-America honors with 62 catches for 1041 yards. No. 2 receiver Anthony Smith (186) also returns, while senior Robert Fisher (230) takes over at tight end. The Mustangs WILL continue to pass.

But they'll also run. Look for freshmen Eric Dickerson (205), Craig James (210) and Michael Charles (205) to quickly move ahead of returnees Derrek Shelton (195) and Tim Johnson (195). Dickerson has 9.4 speed and gained 6000 yards in high school.

There's a strong line in front of all this firepower. Mike Jusko (6-6, 267) is a standout tackle, while tackle Robert Barnes (255), center Lance Pederson (240) and guards Mike Mason (245) and Randy Katz (250) are battle-tested. Katz is the only senior in the group.

In the same way, nose guard John Wells (253) is



the only senior on the entire defensive team. Yet it is a defense that could be quite good if the secondary comes through.

Sophomores Harvey Armstrong (255) and Perry Hartnett (260) are the tackles in the front three. Armstrong started all last year.

The linebackers are Don Pettaway (235) and Byron Hunt (6-5, 225) on the outside and sophomores Eric Ferguson (245) and Gordon McAdams (220) or Eric Moore (213) inside. Ferguson is a budding star, too.

Although four lettermen—corners John Simmons and Charles Bruton and safeties Mark Gibson and Blane Smith—line up in the defensive backfield, only Bruton has been a starter, and there is no tested depth available. Erstwhile offensive types like Darold Turner (last year's No. 3 rusher), James Mobley and Dickie Blaylock will get a chance in the secondary.

They're available, of course, because of the influx of great new talent.

The kicking is adequate, with Ken Rosenthal punting and Eddie Garcia handling placements. But it isn't kicking that will make the Ponies go. It's that throwing, catching and running corps.

**ARKANSAS**—When Arkansas tied UCLA 10-10 in the Fiesta Bowl last December, it marked six bowl trips for Lou Holtz in the last six years he's coaching in college. Now Holtz has his work cut out if he's going to make that seven in a row.

After a 9-2 season that almost meant a Southwest Conference title, Holtz's Razorbacks saw talented players scatter like quail. Gone are 19 lettermen, including 12 starters—nine of them four-year letterwinners. The casualties included a couple of All-Americans at defensive tackle, a four-year starter at nose guard, the team's top four rushers and quarterback Ron Calcagni.

Thus Holtz will field the youngest Arkansas team of his three-year regime. But Hog fans needn't despair. There's bound to be a residue of talent from a team that won nine games and outscored the opposition 326-137.

At quarterback, for instance, Kevin Scanlon was an adept backup last year and now has the job, if he can hold off Randy Wessinger. Nor is Arkansas' running back situation hopeless. Roland Sales is a 203-pounder with 9.6 speed, remembered as the star of the 1978 Orange Bowl win over Oklahoma. Thomas Brown (181) gained 207 yards (5.9-yard average) in a reserve role as a freshman in 1978.

Soph Darryl Mason (217) becomes the tight end starter, while the top three wide receivers—Robert Farrell (6-5, 190), swift Gary Stiggers and Bobby Duckworth (197) are still there. The offensive line is proven, and strong, with all-SWC Greg Kolenda (258), Philip Moon (248) and Birt Locke (249) on hand at tackle, Chuck Herman (245) and George Stewart (252) returning at guard and senior Mike Burlingame at center.

The defense is much more uncertain, so much so that incoming freshmen will get a close look this fall, especially at linebacker and in the secondary.

There is no worry about the defensive ends. Jim



GREG KOLENDA, tackle, keys the Arkansas offensive line again for this season.



KEVIN SCANLON, senior, moves into starting QB role for the Razorbacks.

Howard (215) was a standout last year. Marty Mitcham (204) has been a starter and Jerry Saxton is a solid veteran. The interior spots could fall to last year's top reserves, like Jim Elliott (248), Alfred Mohammed (259), Danny Phillips (232) and Stan Freeman (235), or to a freshman.

Mike Massey (225), after two years of spot duty in reserve, has the chance to come into his own at linebacker. Lettermen Bruce Sutherland and Ozzie Riley (214) or squadman Tedd Morris could start on the other side. Free safety Kevin Evans (193) and cornerback Hugh Jernigan (175) return to the secondary. Kirk Woolfolk (190) has experience at strong safety, but the other corner could well wind up in freshman hands.

The kicking is solid with punter Bruce Lahay and kicker Ish Ordonez. Overall this doesn't look like a great Arkansas team. But it does catch last year's tormentors, Texas and Houston, on its home ground.

**BAYLOR**—Despite a slump to a 3-8 record last year, there's temptation to include the Bears among the dark horses in the Southwest Conference race. They have excellent runners, good receivers, strong linemen, fine linebackers. If Grant Teaff can (1) settle on a quarterback and (2) keep his front line troops healthy, Baylor could be a real spoiler.

That's been the Baylor story, though, for two or three seasons. A lot of "ifs" have turned out to be impediments.

There is absolutely no question, however, about Walter Abercrombie. The 200-pounder was ticketed for redshirt status as a freshman until an injury to a starter forced him into the lineup at mid-season. He exploded, and in six games gained 661 yards and a 5.8-yard average. He is the sort of runner an offense can be built around.

At fullback will be Frank Pollard (212), who stomped for 509 yards. Ken Mathews, Fred Hall and Tony Laws are also on hand.

The wide receivers are Radar Holt, Mike Fisher, Bo Taylor and Gordon Marshall. All are proven speedsters, and Holt has star potential. Ray Cockrell (221) steps in at tight end. It's a question of who'll throw the ball and run the attack. Redshirt freshman Mike Brannan (174), ex-halfback Mickey Elam (181), Steve Smith (187) or Greg Wood could get the assignment.



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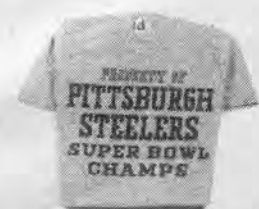
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**MIKE SINGLETARY** made amazing 232 tackles for Baylor as soph last year.

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The line has experience, if starting tackles Arland Thompson (257) and Ron Barnes (243) come back from knee injuries. If not, Brent Jones or Jeff Black will move up. Billy Glass (249) and Frank Ditta (238) are the guards, with Keith Bishop (248) solid at center.

Linebackers Mike Singletary (225), Doak Field (223) and Lester Ward are the heart of the defense. Singletary had a fantastic 232 tackles last season and could bid for All-America honors this fall as a junior. Field is equally tough and mobile.

If Gary Don Johnson (260), second-team All-America in 1976, out of action in 1977 and subpar in 1978, returns to youthful form at defensive tackle, Baylor's defense could be ferocious. His running mate is Joe Campbell (258), with able reserves in James Rowell (260) and Tommy Tabor (262). The ends are veteran performers, Andrew Melontree (210) and Thomas Brown (240).

Howard Fields is the secondary star at one corner-back spot. Kirk Collins (185) will handle the other side. Ken Griffin (207) and Benny Goodwin (194) at safety are backed up by Rusty Parker and Vann McElroy, and Thomas Earl Young (another knee victim) could also make a charge.

What do you do with a team that has players like Johnson, Abercrombie, Singletary, Bishop and Holt—but no established quarterback and spotty depth? What the rest of the SWC is going to do is hope the Bears DON'T find a quarterback.

**TCU**—En route to a 2-9 record last year, F. A. Dry's Horned Frogs had more players in the hospital than they had on the playing field. There were 17 surgical cases, 24 major injuries in all, and it caused a lot of personnel shifting during the season.

Now the Frogs' rebuilding has a chance to get back on track, with 45 lettermen on hand, including 17 players who started much of 1978, a few key transfers and some help expected from an above-average recruiting group.

Graduation losses were heaviest on offense, but that is also where the greatest improvement may

come. For the first time in years, TCU might have a respectable running game.

Sophomore Steve Stamp (193), who passed for 503 yards in a reserve role, is the likeliest quarterback candidate, pressed by Don Harris (180), a letterman who missed the '78 campaign. There is more speed and size at the running backs, where leading rusher Jimmy Allen (193) is pushed by Chester Strickland (220) at fullback, and Craig Richardson (180) must meet challenges by Russell Bates (195) and JC transfer Michael Wright (200, 4.5 speed) at halfback.

The offense may profit from a young but stout line. Eddie Grimes (240) returns at center. Frank Hartman (245) and Donald Ray Richard (257) are the top guards, with redshirt Bill Butler (264), transfer Dudley Stephenson (256), redshirt Scott Alford (255) and letterman Bobby Richardson (240) vying at tackle. Sure-handed transfer Stan Talley (6-6, 220) joins veteran Brad Bowen in a tight end battle.

Bobby Stewart (165), Steve Williams (170), Phillip Epps and Carlton Kile head a capable group of receivers, while Epps is also a kickoff-return ace.

Defensively, where the injury bug hit hardest a year ago, there is greater mobility and outstanding senior talent in safety Chris Judge and tackle Wesley Roberts.

Judge (190) heads an all-senior secondary which has Al Futrell and Ray Berry at corners and Steve Barnes at strong safety. Depth, and even pressure to start, could come from freshmen.

Roberts (250, 4.8 speed) lends savvy up front, joined by David Braxton (220) or transfer Charles Champine (252) at nose guard and Mike Isaac (245) or John McClean at the other tackle.

The ends are now outside linebackers in a 3-4 alignment. Kevin Moody (210) could be outstanding on one side, with transfer Joe Vail or veteran John Wade on the other. Sophomore Ted Brack also got some starting time last year.

Inside linebackers are transfer Shane Redmond (230), Kelvin Newton (215), Jim Bayuk (212) and Charlie Abel, with freshmen expected to appear here, too.

If Stamp and the improved runners get the offense moving, it will help the defense immensely. Overall, the Frogs will be better.

**RICE**—Things don't come easily for the Owls. The small bastion of academia in Houston faces SMU, LSU, Oklahoma and Texas in four of its first five games this fall.

Surviving that, Ray Albourn's dogged troops could well improve on last year's 2-9 record. There is more depth, in places, some crunching running backs, hope for an improved defense (the Owls allowed 460 yards per game last year, and 51 touchdowns)—and there is always Randy Hertel.

Hertel (180) is the current Rice passing star, latest in a long line. Last year he winged it 279 times, gaining 1677 yards. If he falters, letterman Robert Hoffman (195) is also an able hand.

Last year's chief targets are gone. New faces in the receiving line include sophomore Hosea Fortune (175) and transfer Mike Firestone (180). Trackman Darrell Mouton (162) will add some speed and Bo

Broeren some senior savvy. No passer has a larger target than tight end Robert Hubble (6-8, 225).

The running will be in large hands, too. Leading rusher Earl Cooper (210) returns, and could be paired with swift Weldon Meeks, steady Calvin Fance (210) or even ex-linebacker Frank Wilson (238, 4.6 speed). Wilson's move was one of several apparently-successful experiments wrought by Albourn.

There's an unproven quality to the offensive line, despite the presence of returning starters Keith Kveton (224) at center and John Joyce (240) at guard. They will be joined by guard Paul Garcia (240) and tackles Newell Wallace (247) and Mark Ricks (240).

Albourn made the Owls competitive in 1978 despite the defensive problems. The key to improvement could be the health and quick adjustment of his linebackers.

Robert Williamson (213) was an outstanding backer before he was cut down by knee problem. Healthy, he will be a boon. Lamont Jefferson (210) also returns at linebacker, while Daryl Grant (239) has been moved there from nose guard, where he started a year ago.

More help comes from the return of 1977 starter Tom Adams (240) at tackle and William Knowles at defensive end. Both were missing in '78. Adams' opposite number at tackle will be either Ernest Crockett (233) or returning starter Bryan Phillips (212). Bryan Hill (215) or Kyle Rice (240) will take over at nose guard. Will Rub (6-4, 216) is a steady veteran at end, as is Dennis Barry (197).

There's a talent traffic jam in the secondary. At cornerbacks, swift Rickey Thomas (167) and transfers Freddy Page (180) and David England (200) are in charge. That leaves senior Don Rutledge (176) and Steve Pasterchick (195) at strong safety and either Mike Downs (5 interceptions last year) or Odis Mack at free safety.

## INDEPENDENTS

**NORTH TEXAS STATE**—Coming from a Nebraska assistantship, new head coach Jerry Moore inherits a team full of bright possibilities.

Consider that last year the Mean Green went 9-2 (and has a 19-3 record the past two seasons), and that most of the key people return. North Texas led the nation in pass interceptions, had the nation's No. 6 rusher and a brilliant quarterback. There are 41 lettermen. Sixteen of them are considered returning starters and another 12 have some starting experience.

The offense, despite a little shuffling around, could be better than ever. Jordan Case (188) returns at quarterback, where he had 1633 yards of total offense in nine games. Super-accurate, Case suffered only four interceptions in 179 throws. He's ably backed up by Joe Stevenson. Bernard Jackson (175) is back at tailback after rushing for 1453 yards. Sophomore Milton Collins (226) is ready at fullback, and Walter Sims (186) can back up either spot. Tiny Bruce Chambers (142) or Steve Dieb (163) will be at split end, with Pete Harvey at flanker and Ron

Battle (209) the leading tight end.

A veteran offensive line is formed around stand-out center Greg Davidson (238). Melvin Lark (212) and Rudy Phillips (235), moving from tackle, are the guards. Jonathan Newton (234) and Jim Lemming (253) are at tackle.

If there is a blemish on the defense, it is that the top four linebackers have graduated. Senior Mike Oliphant (203) moves from defensive end to join letterman Steve Wells (193) in a replacement effort.

There's a healthy situation in the defensive front five. Bernard West (200) and Jimmy Croft (211) are experienced hands stepping in at the ends. Tackles Marvin Hagan (272) and Charles Young (6-4, 288) are immovable objects at tackle, while senior Julius Mitchell (249) comes from tackle to nose guard.

The secondary returns intact, two-deep, and should be outstanding. Starting cornerbacks are David Morris (180) and Richard Ross (188). The safeties are Danny Whitaker (180) and Marty Morrison (185). Morrison had seven pass thefts last fall, while Morris had five.

With this solid nucleus, Moore could have a happy debut. There are few pitfalls on his independent schedule. The Mean Green takes on Oklahoma State, SMU and Kansas, but otherwise the slate is easier than a year ago.

**TEXAS LUTHERAN**—Coach Dan Knight hopes that a veteran offense can lift his team beyond last year's 3-6 record.

Eight of 10 returning starters dot the offense, where the good news goes from tackle to tackle with Jimmy Gonzales, Mike Besch (245), Tim Mikan, Dan O'Donovan (215) and either Mark Carpenter (220) or Gene Karasek (215). Russell Rinn (195) returns at quarterback, with Leonard Arnic (215) and Brad Trietsch (210) for running power and B.J. McKinney, Joel Gendron, Mike Wallace and Joe Little available to catch passes.

End Ronnie Glenewinkel (218) is an outstanding veteran on defense. With him up front are Alex Richter (215), Kip Nelson (225), Charles Kitzman (225) and Donn Gann or Mark Falpyn. Richard Tension, Mike Thierry, Alfred Gilmore and Jeff Chapin are able secondary types, while David Chollett (210), Forest Pierdolla, Dan Church and Kirby Cline will all see linebacking duty.

## SOUTHLAND

**LOUISIANA TECH**—A strong defense looks like the ticket for Larry Beightol's first ride as coach of the Bulldogs, who shared the Southland crown a year ago under Maxie Lambright.

Eight starters return on defense, headed by end Johnny Robinson (245) and linebacker Jimmy Blackshire (215). The rest of the line is manned by Ed Jackson, Sam Mangum (220), John Ward (230) and Lee Bailey, with Tony Tademy (235) the other linebacker. Jean Dornier (185) is outstanding as the leader of a secondary that includes Lavon James, Zack Jones (180) and Max Davenport.

Able backs are present on offense, with either Eric Barkley or passing whiz Keith Thibodeaux at quar-



terback and George Yates (190) and Jessie Clark (210) available to run with the ball. Adam Short (200), Scott Coates (160) and Johnny Giordano are the receivers. There are questions about the offensive line, but Larry Aston (240), Ricky Hinton, Rodney Jones (238) and Leonard McAngus are counted upon.

**ARKANSAS STATE**—Longtime Oklahoma assistant Larry Lacewell inherits a conference co-champion in his first essay as a head coach. But he doesn't inherit many of the key figures from a 7-4 season, especially at the skill positions.

There is a strong, veteran offensive line, with all-conference Jerry Castor (240) and Hank Chandler (245) at tackle, Danny Cook (245) and Casey Phillips (240) returning at guard and John McCaughey at center. Gene Bradley (205) is the likely quarterback, after completing only one pass in a reserve role last year. Joe Griffin (200) is a standout fullback, while Paul Gilbow steps in at tight end and Alex Herman and Steve Hanschen take over at wide receiver.

Ray Culpepper and Keith Wineland return at defensive end. Outstanding tackle Gene Spears (230) will team with Ron Norman (245). Ron Smith (210) and Steve Shrable (220) are fierce linebackers, while veterans Jerry McKenna (185) and James Harris are joined by Tim Allison and John Shannon in the secondary.

**TEXAS-ARLINGTON**—A strong running game, UTA's trademark under Bud Elliott, could carry the Mavericks higher than last season's third place finish.

The starting backfield of quarterback Roy Dewalt (208), fullback Bill McClesky (210) and halfbacks Tony Felder and Phillip Jessie combined for 2543 rushing yards a year ago. Dewalt also threw for 870 yards and has able receivers in Gary Lewis (222) and Scott Burt. Greg Suchicki (244), Bill Plymale (250), Bill Harris (245), Kevin Kogucz and Murray Francis form a hefty line.

The defense has experience and size, molded around linebackers Willie Thomas (229), Cliff Odom (219) and Bud McCluskey (216). The front four includes ends Ray Webb (250) and Mike Matocha and tackles Dan Ratliff and Marion Thompson (258). Secondary leader Greg Wright (180) intercepted six passes a year ago and is joined by Steve Beck. Steve Kloza and Mel Maxfield.

**McNEESE STATE**—Seventeen returning starters from a 7-4 club could put McNeese in the middle of the title race.

The offense has firepower galore with leading rusher Artie Shankle (198) at tailback, Oliver Hadnot (202) at fullback and Tony Burlingame at slotback, plus standout tight end Louis Landry and the quarterback tandem of Wendell Lejeune (195) and Chad Millet (181). The real strength is in the line, with Jim Downing and all-conference Ray Martin (270) at tackle, Troy Parker and James Broussard (228) at guard and Robert Jeter at center.

The defense could also be in good shape if linemen like ends Bruce Boales and Cedric Patin and tackles John Miller (223) and Anthony Figaro produce.

Billy Joe Davenport heads a linebacking corps of Craig Cryer and Mike Smith (218). Bryan Hicks (185) and Tim Harris are secondary standouts, joined by Tim Tregle and Tom Murphy.

**SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA**—All the Cajuns need to better last year's 3-8 record is more offense and more defense, and they bank on 34 lettermen plus an infusion of new talent.

David Guidry, who passed for 754 yards, must fight off Hal King and Phil Reynolds for the quarterback job. The new running backs are David Chatman (179) and kickoff-return ace Rodney Smith (166), with the receiving in the capable hands of David Gray (186), Doug Waddell, Terry Holt and tight end Curtis Calhoun (219). Lemuel Pitts (255), Randy Champagne, Roy Murry, Marvin Parsons (240) and Matt Brooks are veterans in the line.

If a new crop of linebackers produces, the defense could be sound. Randy Thomas and Dave McRae are the ends, with Jeff Holm (249) and Kent Head back at tackle and Dale Thomas at nose guard. Willie Allen (185) and Rodney Breaux (182) are solid returning starters in the secondary.

**LAMAR**—Winners of only one conference game in four years, the Cardinals will try to rise from the floor under new coach Larry Kennan and with help from an exciting group of freshmen.

The SLC passing leader, Larry Haynes, returns at quarterback. Returnees Mike Ellis (192), Keith Gilchrist (190) and Ben Booker must fight off freshman challenges at running back. Howard Robinson (140) is a top receiver, and transfer Chris Kilgore (215) is at tight end. All-conference tackle Victor Enard (235) heads a line that will include transfers Mike Sandera and Harry Cole (250), senior Kenny Birkes and possibly more freshmen.

Best defensive returnees include end John Christian, tackle Louis Story (248), linebacker Lew Surratt (214) and backs Johnny Ray Smith and Kurt Phoenix (201). Transfers Ruben Jordan, Jesse Matthews and Darryl Smith will help, as would the return of superior nose guard Randall Byrd (248).

### LONE STAR CONFERENCE

**ANGELO STATE**—Only 10 starters return from last year's Ram team which went 14-0 and claimed both the Lone Star Conference title and the NAIA national championship. But the talent continues to flow into Jim Hess' corral, and Angelo could be almost that good again.

The defense may have to carry the brunt of the load, well-equipped with standouts like end Kenneth Price (210), All-America safety David Knowles (180) and a linebacking trio of Undrea Walker (220), Clayton Weishunn (220) and Boyd Gray (215). Darnell White, Ben Barley (260), Harold Stephens (235) and Jimmy Ottmers are also handy up front, while Mike Milligan (180) is a fine cornerback.

A quarterback must be found, but otherwise the offense could be solid. Drew Montgomery (250) and Dee Kirkpatrick are stout tackles, with Kevin Steen

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**TEXAS A&I**—The Javelinas fell to a 6-5 record in Fred Jonas' first year, but a strong offense and a strong freshman group could put them back near the top this fall.

Martin Stroman (170) returns to quarterback the veer attack, with Ricky Smith (205) and Robert Pole (195) doing the running. Tight end Gary Aguayo (220) and tackle Mike Sheffield (245) are able veterans, joined in the line by Marshall Mangum (250), Eldon Wilie (250), Stuart Isdale and Clifford Burrow. John Herrera and Larry James are standout receivers.

The front four must be rebuilt around tackles Randy Friedrich (245) and Leroy Seidel (215). Andy Hawkins (206) heads an excellent group of linebackers that include Craig Darr (235) and Joe Barefield. There is speed in the secondary of Don Washington, Jafus White, Emmuel Thompson and Durwood Roquemore. With only 14 lettermen on hand (12 of them starters), freshmen could quickly filter into the lineup.

**ABILENE CHRISTIAN**—No team with a quarterback like John Mayes can be ignored, and the Wildcats will be in the race again under new head coach Ted Sitton.

Mayes (175) passed for 2535 yards last year, giving him more than 5000 in two seasons. He has solid receivers in Tim Pernell (190), who averaged 26 yards per catch, Charles Tindol (180) and tight end Steve Thomas. Help must be found for running back Steve Worthey (190). The nucleus of a good offensive line is present in center John Marshall (255), guard Jay Seely (255) and tackles Greg Feasel (260) and Ken Hill (240).

Major rebuilding is necessary on defense. The top names returning are linebacker Harold Renninger (230), an all-conference choice, lineman Kenny Davidson (230) and defensive backs Jimmy Harmon (193) and Kermit Wilson (170).

**SOUTHWEST TEXAS**—Jim Wacker returns to Texas this year and inherits a Bobcat team that is a dark horse in the Lone Star race with 12 starters returning from a 6-4 season.

The defense should be championship caliber if a retooled secondary of Tracy Smith (185), Bobby Watkins, Brad Wright and Blair Bachman holds up. Standout tackles Mark Mattingly (233) and Pete Gibbens (240) are joined in the line by guard Elvis Shaw (240) and ends Allan Kiesling and Joey Korzekwa. Charles Burleson and Matt Pesl (215) take over at linebacker.

There's an offensive leader in quarterback Mike Miller (175), an excellent runner. The veer setbacks are Lofton Levels (215) and Shane Johnason. Billy Dunk (177) is a climax receiver (eight TDs in 1978) while Scott Owen moves in at flanker and

David Bailiff at tight end. Excellent center Kelley Monk (220) will be surrounded by Mike Ferris (236) and Mack Lingo at guards and Paul Thornton and Pete Racicot at tackles.

**SAM HOUSTON STATE**—In Melvin Brown's first year at the helm, the Bearkats jumped to a 6-5 record and a tie for third in the LSC. Whether they can go higher in 1979 will depend on a defensive rebuilding job and on how far the passing combination of Arthur Louis to Clay Lowry can take them.

Louis (6-4, 175) is a junior who last year passed for 1896 yards and 14 touchdowns. A dozen of those payoff passes went to Lowry (169), who snared 45 throws for 1203 yards and is on his way to owning all the conference receiving marks. Elsewhere on offense there is good running potential from Tony January (165) and Nate Sykes (204). Frankie Reescano (189) is a valuable tight end and Randy Plachy returns at flanker. The line will be anchored by senior guard Donald Burton (251).

Few starters return on defense, but nose guard Allen Friloux (219) and end Claude Beavers are capable seniors in the line. Kent Bruno (216) is the top name at linebacker, while junior Vindell Freene (165) could be an outstanding cornerback.

**S.F. AUSTIN**—An experienced cast (32 lettermen, 17 returning starters) will try to improve on last year's 3-8 record.

The Lumberjack defense is solid, led by tackle Ron Haynes (252) and linebacker Clyde Polk (201). Ends Clay Ruyle and Orlando Godfrey (225) and tackle Mike Hancock fill out the front four. Donnie Dinges and Alton Gray (212) are experienced linebackers. John Wayne Robertson (183) and Richard Gaines are the cornerbacks, with Scott Aurich at strong safety and Don Sebastian the free safety.

The offense needs improved accuracy from quarterback Herby Baker (60 of 154 for 899 yards) and stout rushing from Paul Hood and Stan Dickson (198). Receivers Greg Hughes (182), Rickey Roberson and Bill Cosper (235) are excellent. Brad Roll (245) is an outstanding center, flanked in the line by guards Royce Mitchell (243) and Randy Courtney and tackles Danny Bogar and Scott Jones (247).

**EAST TEXAS STATE**—Ernest Hawkins' Lions are trying to rebound from their first losing season (4-7) since 1970, and hope to do it with 33 lettermen from an injury-filled campaign.

The quarterbacking is double-tough, with Steve Hodge (200) and Wade Wilson (205), each of whom passed for more than 700 yards a year ago. They have veterans Lonnie Cunnigan (190) and Frank McClain as targets, while transfers Phil Weatherall (180) and Lanny Royal (190) could assume the rushing duties. Tight end Jim Morton (205), guard Mike Hall (235) and tackles Steve Washington (245) and Joe Spinato (240) are able returnees up front.

Linebackers Danny Kirk (225), Glenn Blackard (200) and Gus Gonzales (205) are the heart of the defense. End Brian Barnes (6-4, 230) and tackle Curtis Ray (245) are standout returnees in the front four. Anthony Freeman (175) picked off five passes

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9/30	Duke +17 (L)	Miami E (W)	N.C. State -12½ (W)	3-W 1-L
10/7	Wake For. +17 (W)	Nebraska -5½ (W)	Navy -8 (W)	3-W 0-L
10/14	N. Dame -5 (W)	Wisconsin -6 (L)	Rice +7½ (W)	2-W 1-L
10/21	Clemson -11 (W)	Arkansas -3 (L)	Nebraska -9 (W)	2-W 1-L
10/28	N.C. State +7½ (L)	N.C.U. +5 (W)	Arkansas -3½ (L)	1-W 2-L
11/4	Wake For. +19 (L)	Cards -3 (W)	Penn. St. 6½ (W)	2-W 1-L
11/11	Dartmouth +7½ (W)	Syracuse +7½ (W)	Missouri -18 (W)	3-W 0-L
11/18	Tenn. -3½ (W)	Duke +15 (W)	Dartmouth -5 (W)	3-W 0-L
11/25	Ariz. St. E (W)	Tenn. -3 (W)	Duke +11 (W)	3-W 0-L
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as a freshman and will be joined by Rex Fox (200), Brian Jackson (186) and Greg Aldridge in a veteran secondary.

**HOWARD PAYNE**—A new coach, Harold Mayo, and a host of new players may be harbingers of better times for the Yellow Jackets, who hope more size and speed can bring them out of the cellar.

Alan Hamilton or Craig Smith will be the quarterback in the Pro-I, throwing to Bryan Hargrove, Larry Diles (150) and tight end Philip Brown (250), Doug Hurt (208) and David Graham are the backs. Bryan Davis, Johnny Rowe, Woody Martin, Bobby Kelly and Luke Taylor are likely line starters, each over 230 pounds.

There is also great size available on defense, with Don Kelso (260) and Cliff Bowser (255) at tackle. Al Smith and Cedric Prosser are the ends. Robert Morrison (250), Ronnie Moten (240) and Howard Hale (230) are as big as anyone's linebackers. B.B. Sirles (170), Michael Leaks, Ken Kelso (200) and Jimmy Baker man the secondary.

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**TARLETON STATE**—Buddy Fornes' Texans return 12 starters from an 8-1-1 team which ranked fourth in the NAIA Division II poll a year ago. A lot of new faces must come through for a successful defense of the TIAA title.

A welcome old face is quarterback Shelby Wright (170), the league's most valuable player and a 1000-yard gainer. He can throw to Mark Owens (180), Sam Scott and Jim Smith, with Billy Vacek (180) and Henry Mills carrying the rushing load. There's a solid line in tackles Tony Martinez and Melvie Renfro, guards Randy Crook and Larry Tidwell (215) and center Mike Whaley (230).

The defense gave up only 109 yards per game, and could be very good again. Standout end Gary Wright (190) is joined up front by Jeff Longbotham, Randy Goodwin (230) and Tony Rich (230). Tony Tuck (190) heads a linebacking corps of Bobby Rodriguez and Mark Wilson. The secondary features interception ace Dan Smalley (190), Charles Carlton and Steve Wood.

**TRINITY**—After falling off to a 4-4-2-record last fall, Gene Norris' Tigers are ready to spring back into contention.

An improved offense is one reason. Karl Meisenbach (185) is at quarterback, where he can call on Rod Hinson (175), who has rushed for 1600 yards in two years, Kenny Sykes (175) and Scott Montana (185). Chise Nicholson and tight end Paul Paveglio (215) are the top receivers. Tackle Tom Nance (255) anchors a stout offensive line with guards Joey Johnson and Steve Olfers and center Lee Keeling.

There is also good experience available on defense, except for question marks in the line, which will be rebuilt around standout tackle Mark Ihle (235) and ends Greg Barrera and Brad Winkler. Rey Hinojosa (205), Richard Williams (180) and Buddie Byars form an impressive group of hitters at linebacker, with veterans David Bordelon (180), Joby Sawyer

(160), Richard Mudd and Rick Miller in the secondary.

**McMURRY**—Second in the TIAA last year, the Indians will rely on their offense in an effort to improve their 7-3 record.

Charles Johnson (160) and Dudley Woodward (182) are able runners. Brett Lang (185) passed for 764 yards last year. Keith Gipson (150) and Rickie Williams (210) are outstanding receivers. In front of them is the biggest line in the conference, with guards Don Hayes (253) and Ricky Nolly (240), center David Davee (220) and tackles Stan Carter (222) and Steve Reimschuessel (227). Kicker Bob Cervetto led the conference in scoring.

Some rebuilding is necessary on defense, where tackle Bruce Lacefield (227) is an outstanding returnee. He'll team with Mark Behrens (255), guard LeRoy Duncan (225) and ends Jimmy Lynn and Johnny Burkson. Willie Sublett (215), Curtis Hindman (225) and Barry Beverly are the top linebacking candidates. The secondary will come from Horace Robins, Frank Andrews, Nate Dykes, Charles Weston, Richard Spencer, Johnny Simmons and Kevin Miller.

**AUSTIN COLLEGE**—With 15 starters returning, a quick defense and a strong offensive line, the Kangaroos (3-6-1 a year ago) could be dark horses in the TIAA race.

All-conference tackle Mike Gollahan and sophomore safety Chris Luper head the defense. Paul Gardner (200) and Wesley Rippey are at end, with Larry Hickman the other tackle and Mark Sartain at nose guard. Mark Howeth (210) and Price Clifford (225) are outstanding linebackers. Missing in 1978, strong safety Ronnie Roberson (195) helps the secondary, as do Paul Hancock and David Starnes.

On offense, Ty Quick (250) and Julius Bell (280) are hefty tackles, with Brent Hollensed (230) and Mike Papas at guard and Bill Leonard at center. If Larry Shillings or a freshman comes through at quarterback, the Kangaroos will move with an excellent receiver in Scott Eriksen (160) and experienced running backs in Ricky Turner (185) and Kelly Hyde (175). Don Woods (205) is the tight end with Doug Gollahan at flanker.

**SUL ROSS**—It's a bleak picture out in the mountains of the Big Bend country. Last in the TIAA a year ago (2-7), Vernon Fewell's Lobos start over with few returnees after losing five starters via grades.

On offense the biggest boost may come from veteran tight end Jimbo Amberson (220) and quarterback Dean Herbolt, who did pass for 325 yards last season. Charlie Bravenec is the top rusher. Malcom Moerbe will double at split end and cornerback. Billy Tilton, Freddy Sanchez, Albert Garcia, Roger Hendry and Joe Alex Leal are the top offensive linemen.

Thomas Kelner and Bernie Weems return to the secondary. Kerry Shackelford, Charlie Watts, Seroy Tillman and Richard Atherton are likely defensive line starters, with David Sanchez and Joe Carillo the top linebackers.

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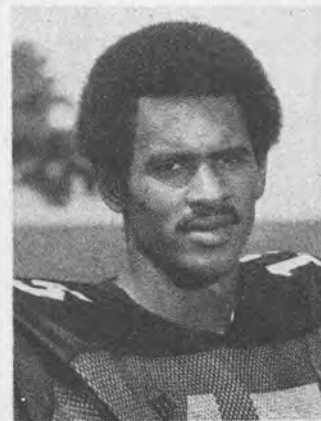




**BILLY SIMS**, back for senior year at Oklahoma, was Heisman winner in '78 when he led nation in rushing, scoring.



**LAVAL SHORT**, middle guard who was Colorado's leading tackler in '78, tangles with OSU blocker, ball carrier.



**WENDELL RAY**, left, defensive end, bolsters Missouri while teammate **PHIL BRADLEY** is Big Eight's No. 1 QB.



**BRIAN NEAL** provides experience and heft to the Cyclones offensive line.

**CHRIS BOSKEY** enjoyed big season as frosh DT in 1978 for Iowa State.



**I.M. HIPPI** has put two 1000-yard rushing years together for Cornhuskers.

**JUNIOR MILLER** emerged as Nebraska star in '78 with 30 grabs, 560 yards.





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# Big Eight and Missouri Valley

## OKLAHOMA-MISSOURI GAME MAY DECIDE BIG 8 AS NEBRASKA WAITS IN THE WINGS

### PREDICTIONS

#### Big Eight

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|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. Oklahoma   | 5. Colorado       |
| 2. Missouri   | 6. Oklahoma State |
| 3. Nebraska   | 7. Kansas State   |
| 4. Iowa State | 8. Kansas         |

#### Missouri Valley

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Southern Illinois | 5. Wichita State    |
| 2. New Mexico State  | 6. Indiana State    |
| 3. Tulsa             | 7. West Texas State |
| 4. Drake             |                     |

Oklahoma began its present string of Big Eight Conference championships in 1972. After the Sooners tied Nebraska last year for a share of their seventh consecutive title, four coaching vacancies occurred in the conference and subsequent hirings placed half the Big Eight schools under the direction of men who coached at Oklahoma in 1972. A fifth Big Eight school hired a recent assistant at Oklahoma and a sixth added an Oklahoma connection to its staff.

Chuck Fairbanks became the most celebrated figure in this process when he moved from the New England Patriots, via a celebrated battle in court, to Colorado. Fairbanks was head coach at Oklahoma in 1972. His offensive coordinator was Barry Switzer, who succeeded him and is six-for-six in the championship sweepstakes; his defensive backfield coach was Jimmy Dickey, who impressed as a rookie coach at Kansas State last year, and his defensive line coach was Jimmy Johnson, Oklahoma State's new coach.

Iowa State hired Donnie Duncan, an assistant at Oklahoma the last six years, and Kansas went inside its own house, not Oklahoma's, and resurrected Don Fambrough, whom KU fired in 1975.

This sudden passion for Oklahoma coaches was not confined to the second division. Nebraska's Tom Osborne, perhaps concluding the only way to dethrone the Sooners is to out-recruit them, hired former Oklahoma recruiting co-ordinator Jerry Pettibone.

Interestingly, the only Big Eight school that did not hire a coach or acquire an Oklahoma connection is Missouri, which appears sufficiently armed to threaten the Sooners' championship streak. Second-

year coach Warren Powers may have Missouri's best team since the Tigers' last championship in 1969.

Oklahoma and Nebraska, which have won or shared the last 17 championships and 31 of the last 33, lost heavily in personnel from powerhouses that ranked third and eighth, respectively, in the final wire service polls.

Numerically, Missouri also lost a lot from a team that ranked 14th nationally. But the Tigers return an accomplished quarterback in Phil Bradley, an experienced line and an improved defense. Oklahoma and Nebraska must break in new quarterbacks and new offensive lines. Also, both of the perennial powers must play Missouri at Columbia on the Big Eight's only grass field.

The Oklahoma-Missouri confrontation on Nov. 17 should decide the championship, and the host for the Orange Bowl. By then, Heisman Trophy winner Billy Sims' Oklahoma teammates should have matured. OU's new linemen are huge and the quarterback, J.C. Watts, is more of a passing threat than OU's recent wishbone operatives. If Watts blooms to expectations, Oklahoma may merit an edge.

Nebraska's chance of making a run for the championship depends on the development of a quarterback. The Cornhuskers have championship level runners and receivers and their defensive line may be the Big Eight's best.

After Oklahoma, Missouri and Nebraska, there is a substantial drop, with little to choose among Iowa, State, Colorado, Kansas State and Oklahoma State.

Colorado's transition to Fairbanks was clouded by injuries and a shortage of running backs. Iowa State rebuilds with promising offensive talent but a suspect defensive line. Oklahoma State is thin but Johnson said he was amazed by the Cowboys' talent and predicted a surprise showing. Kansas State, last year's surprise, expects to be improved on offense. Kansas also looks better but may be too short of running backs to vacate the cellar.

The Missouri Valley Conference may also have a new champion. Southern Illinois, with ideal balance and experience, is favored over defending champion New Mexico State. Their game at Southern Illinois on Nov. 17 should decide the championship.

After having nine All-Americans last year, including the jackpot pair at Oklahoma of Sims and Outland Trophy winner Greg Roberts, the Big Eight appears to have fewer superstars this year. Besides



Sims, sixth junior to win the Heisman and hopeful of joining Archie Griffin of Ohio State as the only two-time winner, the only other returning All-Americans are linebackers John Corker of Oklahoma State, who was voted Big Eight defender of the year by both wire services, and George Cumby of Oklahoma.

Among those deserving such consideration this year are safety Darrol Ray and center Paul Tabor, Oklahoma; Bradley and halfback James Wilder, Missouri; tight end Junior Miller and tailback I.M. Hipp, Nebraska; cornerback Mark Haynes, Colorado, and end Don Blackmon, Tulsa.

### BIG EIGHT

**OKLAHOMA**—(11-1, 6-1). The Sooners bid for an eighth consecutive conference championship with their most inexperienced cast since the streak began. A revenge victory over co-champion Nebraska in the Orange Bowl marked the expiration of eligibility for one of the finest senior classes in Oklahoma history.

Eleven starters plus a record-setting kicker departed. Seven of them were three-year starters. This class harvested three all-America and eight all-conference medals last year.

But the rebuilding will be done around an envied asset: Billy Sims. Sims (205) last year led the nation in rushing (1762 yards, a Big Eight record), touchdowns (20), scoring (120 points) and average per carry (7.6 yards). Possessing a rare combination of speed and power, Sims will have to defend his reputation behind a reconstructed line and beside a new quarterback.

These new blockers, however, are huge and the quarterback has potential as a passer to add versatility to a wishbone offense that last year led the nation in rushing (427 yards) and scoring (40 points). As was the case last year, Oklahoma's offense will probably have to carry the load. The defense will be exceptionally quick but average in size and vulnerable against power running.

The key to Oklahoma's offense is quarterback J.C. Watts (200), redshirt junior who is slightly slower than his predecessors. At that, though, Watts is faster than most option quarterbacks and might be Oklahoma's best wishbone passer. Because of Watts, OU will continue a trend it began in 1977 toward a multiple wishbone scheme, a la Alabama. The emphasis remains on running, because of Sims and breakaway veteran David Overstreet (194) at the other halfback. Barry Joyner (217) is the only experienced fullback but does not have the speed Switzer prefers. Several highly regarded freshmen will get an opportunity to start.

They will run behind the biggest offensive line in Oklahoma history. The tackles are Lyndle Byford (6-6, 294) and Louis Oubre (6-4, 262) and the guards are James Carner (6-4, 255) and Terry Crouch (6-1, 247). Only Oubre is proven. Paul Tabor (6-4, 242) might be the Big Eight's best center, where he impressed two years ago. He played guard last year after a broken hand made it impossible

for him to snap. Forrest Valora (223) is solid at tight end. Steve Rhodes (182) and Freddie Nixon (194) will alternate at split end. Each is exceptional.

Defensively, Oklahoma has deluxe ends in Bruce Taton (218) and Barry Burget (217) and all-conference linebacker George Cumby (205), who has marvelous speed. The entire secondary returns, led by free safety Darrol Ray (189). Ray set a school record with eight interceptions last year and is one of the best athletes to play recently at OU. But his companions have more savvy than ability, and most are coming off surgery.

Strong safety Sherwood Taylor (189) and cornerback Mike Babb (197) will start. The other cornerback will be Basil Banks (177), Byron Paul (186) or Jay Jimerson (171), each of whom has starting experience.

**MISSOURI**—Warren Powers, coach of the year in his first season at Columbia, thinks the Tigers (8-4, 4-3) will be improved, despite the return of only 10 starters from the team that defeated LSU in the Liberty Bowl.

The returnees include the Big Eight's best quarterback, Phil Bradley. The skittery, 170-pound junior led the conference in passing (1780 yards, 12 touchdowns and 60 per cent) and total offense (2081 yards) last year. His outstanding receivers are gone. But James Wilder (215), sixth in Big Eight rushing with 873 yards, returns along with a veteran line that blocked the Tigers to an average of 31 points per game (sixth highest nationally) against a schedule that included six bowl teams. The defense is less experienced, but should be better than last year, when the Tigers were seventh in overall conference defense.

Missouri's veer will again boast the Big Eight's biggest running backs if Gerry Ellis (220) joins Wilder in the starting lineup. Bob Meyer (195), spring practice standout, will contest Ellis for the job. Guards Mark Jones (235) and Stan Lechner (230) and tackles Howard Richards (252) and Dave Guender (245) are returning starters. Letterman Jeff Stokowski (230) starts at center.

The Tigers' chief concern on offense is quarterback depth. Bradley's backup, Paul Miller (203), had knee surgery in the spring and third-teamer Jay Jeffrey (170) transferred to Baylor.

Another unsettled problem is tight end, where sophomore Tom Anderson (228) ended spring practice No. 1. Lettermen Ken Blair (190) and David Newman (175) are the new and capable wide receivers. Steve Sly (180), track sprinter, is another possibility.

The success of a rebuilt defense is tied to the conversion of end Kurt Petersen (240) and nose guard Bennie Smith (236) to tackle. The return of Jim Matthews (255), a starter in 1977 but sidelined by an injury last year, should also bolster the tackle corps. Nose guard Norman Goodman (230) keynotes the defense's improved, quicker look. Wendell Ray (218) rates with the Big Eight's best defensive ends. The other starting end is likely to be letterman Tony Green (200). The new linebackers will

be Eric Berg (212) and redshirt Lester Dickey (215).

Free safety Eric Wright (170) and cornerback Johnnie Poe (170) return in a secondary that was last in the Big Eight against passing.

Jeff Brockhaus is the Big Eight's No. 2 returning placekicker (Five of 10 field goals), but his role as punter (36.8) may be taken over by transfer Ron Verrilli.

"I don't think we have forgotten how to put points on the board," Powers said. "If we can find a decent tight end we should be competitive with the best teams on our schedule."

**NEBRASKA**—(9-3, 6-1). The Cornhuskers will have to depend on defense until a new quarterback and a rebuilt line can be developed to exploit the extraordinary talents of their runners and receivers.

Graduation riddled an offense that led the nation in total yardage and was second nationally in rushing and scoring. That offense helped the Cornhuskers defeat Oklahoma for the first time since 1971, only to have their national championship dreams shattered by Missouri a week later. Losing to Missouri forced Nebraska to share the Big Eight title with Oklahoma, and set the stage for that rematch in the Orange Bowl that the Sooners won.

Coach Tom Osborne has only 10 returning starters. But five will assure little drop-off in scoring if they touch the ball often enough and receive adequate blocking. Junior Miller (232) is a marvelous athlete, and probably the best tight end in the country; tailback I.M. Hipp (200) rushed for over 1000 yards each of the last two years; wingback Kenny Brown (176) led the Big Eight in punt returns, was eighth in receiving and averaged 5.6 yards as a ball carrier; fullback Andra Franklin (195) averaged over five yards per carry and split end Tim Smith (194) is a home run threat and a fine punter. In addition, transfer Jarvis Redwine (195), from Oregon State, had a dazzling spring and will alternate with Hipp. Redwine has 4.3 speed.

But all this skill will be negated unless an acceptable quarterback surfaces. Jeff Quinn (203), wishbone quarterback in high school who does not pass as well as Osborne prefers, became No. 1 in the spring when Tim Hager (178) sustained a shoulder injury.

Center Kelly Saalfeld (237) is the only returning starter in an offensive line that ranked among the best in Big Eight history. But the Cornhuskers always have a reservoir of lettered linemen. This year's replacements are tackles Gary England (234) and much-traveled Dan Rice (258), who attended Ohio State and Hawaii and quit at Nebraska before returning, and guards John Havekost (230) and Randy Schleusener (232).

Osborne thinks "in time we should have a good offensive line." But it was dominated in spring scrimmages. Osborne hopes that means his defense, best overall in the Big Eight last year, is improved. It returns the conference's best interior in tackles Rod Horn (259) and Dan Pensick (245) and nose guard Kerry Weinmaster (207). End Lawrence Cole

(201) is the line's fourth returning starter. Elsewhere the defense is tender. Tom Vering (212) and Brent Williams (221) are the new linebackers. Free safety Russell Gary (178) and cornerback Andy Means (160) are mainstays of a small secondary.

The Cornhuskers might be groping when they play Penn State in an intersectional headliner in September. But the remainder of the schedule should enable them to ripen into contenders by the time they play Missouri and Oklahoma.

**IOWA STATE**—(8-4, 4-3). The Cyclones return only nine starters, fewest of any Big Eight team. Donnie Duncan, who spent the last six years as a wishbone assistant at Oklahoma, elected to retain the departed Earle Bruce's I-formation offense. In view of the talent, Duncan reasoned it was best not to change.

The offense remains strong. Quarterback Walter Grant (185), versatile catalyst in a rallying finish last year, solidified his status in spring when former starter Terry Rubley (180), bothered by an elbow injury, fell to No. 3 behind redshirt John Quinn (175).

Highly regarded Victor Mack (182) is the heir apparent to all-star tailback Dexter Green. Rocky Gillis (175) is also promising. Fullback Tom Roach (195), last year's starter, will be pressed by Jack Seabrooke (206). All the starting receivers departed, and Vinny Cerrato (180), anticipated replacement at slotback, sustained a knee injury that required surgery. But speedy sophomore slotback Lamar Summers (183) had an impressive spring and split end Mike Harris (192) is also promising.

The offensive line returns tackles Dick Cuvelier (270) and Brian Neal (247) and guard Mike Gannon (240). Center Ron Brockhaus (220) and guard Al Johnson (230) are ready to move up from the second team. Al Moton (225) looms as the tight end.

The defense is less encouraging. Tackle Chris Boskey (245), Big Eight defensive newcomer of the year as a freshman in 1978, was sidelined in the spring by ankle surgery. Nose guard Kenny Neil (230) is the only other returning line starter. So Duncan experimented by moving Cuvelier to defensive tackle. The defense immediately improved but the loss of Cuvelier's blocking weakened the offense. Cuvelier's 1979 position may depend on Boskey's recovery.

John Less (223) returns at one linebacker and Mike Leaders (211) or Scott Cole (220), who between them have five letters, will be the other linebacker. Safety Mike Schwartz (176), named to one all-conference team, and cornerback Larry Crawford (172) are set in a secondary that is unsettled at the other two positions.

With Texas added to their schedule, the Cyclones will be pressed to sustain their eight-victory pace of the last three years.

**COLORADO**—Chuck Fairbanks' problems did not end when he finally got legally free of his contract at New England. The Buffaloes (6-5, 2-5) presented him with headaches, namely a shortage of running backs and a rash of injuries that complicated a spring filled





JOHN CORKER, above, Oklahoma State linebacker, was Big Eight defensive player of the year in '78 while teammate WORLEY TAYLOR gained 807 yards, 8th best in league.



with experiments.

Fairbanks, who installed the wishbone at Oklahoma in 1970, is an advocate of a strong running attack. He experimented in spring practice with what he called the "Probone," utilizing the third runner as a wingback. But the Buffs seem ill-equipped to run.

Charlie Davis (202), the quarterback best suited for an option offense, suffered a knee injury and Bill Solomon (212), last year's starter, remained No. 1 for much of the spring. Jeff Hornberger (184), best of the running backs, will be redshirted for academic and injury reasons.

Eddie Ford (205), Bob Humble (198), Mike Green (195), Gary Turner (198) and Lance Olander (191), moved from cornerback, were given close looks in the spring. Kazell Pugh (160) and Tom Haigh (198) are experienced receivers. What could be a one-two punch at tight end is clouded, because of injuries to Bob Niziolek (211) and Greg Howard (226).

The Buffs, who were sixth in every offensive category last year when they lost five of their last six games, also have holes in the line. Brandt Thurston (260) was moved from guard to tackle. Tackle Stan Brock (270), returning starter, and guards Ted Stipanovich (224) and Joe Bell (225) are starting prospects. But Wade Kafkaloff (226), counted on to start at center, was another spring victim requiring knee surgery. Junior college transfers Bo Halamanderis (245) and Bruce Campbell (225) will be in contention, somewhere.

The Buffs return eight starters on defense (compared to five on offense). Linebackers Bill Roe (225) and Brian McCabe (213) sat out spring practice, while recovering from operations, but should be fit in the fall. All-conference strong safety Mark Haynes (194) was moved to cornerback and cornerback Mike Davis to strong safety. Cornerback Jesse John-

son (177) and free safety Tim Roberts (166) return.

Nose guard Laval Short (241), tackle George Visger (248) and end Steve Doolittle (223) are returning line starters who minimize Fairbanks' defensive problems. If the linebackers heal, as expected, Fairbanks thinks the defense will be respectable. It may be midseason, or 1980, before he can say the same about the offense.

**OKLAHOMA STATE**—First-year coach Jimmy Johnson took over a losing (3-8, 3-4) team that was on NCAA probation and awaiting a new penalty following disclosure of a slush fund. Even the people who gave Johnson a five-year contract sympathized with him.

But Johnson, most recently defensive coordinator at Pittsburgh and previously an assistant at Arkansas and Oklahoma, wonders why. He conceded OSU is critically thin on defense, but said he was amazed by the talent he inherited. He claimed OSU has more outstanding players, and better running backs, than Pitt's bowl teams of the last two years.

Quarterback Harold Bailey holds the key. Bailey (191) has great speed and a powerful arm. As a freshman, he started five games, all victories, when OSU won a share of the 1976 Big Eight championship. Last year he was exiled to the secondary and watched from the bench as a program collapsed. Johnson liberated Bailey and said, "Harold has the ability to make us a great offensive team."

Prone to fumble and injuries as an option runner, Bailey will pass more than he runs in the multiple offense Johnson installed. Even if Bailey stumbles, Johnson thinks "we can be good" with walk-on quarterback John Doerner (195), who is scholarly, tough and surprisingly talented.

Worley Taylor was the best of OSU's several 200-pound running backs last year when he gained 807 yards, eighth highest in the Big Eight. But Ed Smith and Steve Hammond won starting jobs in the spring. Vince Orange and Terry Suellentrop assure qualified depth. Flankers Ron Ingram (160), with sprinter speed, and James Cowins (187) and tight end Valda Headspeath (197) are exciting receivers.

The offensive line is small and suspect in pass protection. This could change if tackles Jim Clark (262) and Roy Hackett (240) are fit. Clark underwent a fourth operation on the same knee and Hackett suffered a broken leg. Center Doug Freeman (240) and guards Reggie Richardson (238) and Drew Hetzler (232) are starters.

The defense is perilously thin, but has some of the Big Eight's top talents. The best is All-America linebacker John Corker (226), who was named Big Eight defender of the year in 1978, despite missing the last three games because of knee injury. Ricky Young (220), the other linebacker, and end Dexter Manley (225) "could play for any team in the country," Johnson said. End Rick Antle (200), tackles Curtis Boone (242) and Billy Wells (252) and cornerback Gregory Johnson (188) are also highly regarded. Johnson is counting on freshman Darryl Sheffey (275) to solve a problem at nose guard, and needs improvement at other secondary positions.

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**KANSAS STATE**—(4-7, 3-4). The Wildcats broke a three-year victory drought in the conference by defeating Oklahoma State in their league debut under Jimmy Dickey, and ended the season by having arch rival Kansas and Colorado for dessert. They did it by exploiting speed in their passing attack. They took liberties with Oklahoma and others, and wound up fourth in Big Eight offense.

They will be much better on offense this year, Dickey believes. Shelton Paris (205) is a more versatile quarterback than 1978 starter Dan Manucci. He will throw to three excellent receivers. Split end John Leibe (170) sidelined last year by injuries might be the Big Eight's best. Flanker Eugene Goodlow (185) was second team all-conference, and tight end Eddy Whitley (218) is competent.

Roosevelt Duncan (200) started for two years at fullback, but will be threatened by Daryl Black (177), converted from flanker and the outstanding back in spring practice. L.J. Brown (193) and freshman redshirt Keith Dearing (201) are the ranking tailbacks.

The offensive line is among the Big Eight's biggest. Guard Bob Thompson (6-7, 292) and tackle Jim Miller (6-5, 246) are returning starters. Joining them are tackle Walt Wywadis (6-4, 265), guard Amos Donaldson (6-3, 252) and center Kerry Wilson (6-4, 256).

A defense that was the Big Eight's worst at allowing points has been transformed from a 5-2 alignment to a 4-3, with multiple schemes. Tackle Rob Houchin (242) and linebackers Tyrone Crews (218) and James Walker (205) are returning starters. Tackles Wade Wentling (225), Steve Clark (250) and Duane Kirk (240), linebackers D.L. Johnson (226), Ben Landry (230) and Vic Koenning (202) will fit somewhere in an alignment where ends and outside linebackers have similar roles.

The secondary returns three starters in safeties Brad Horchem (180) and Sam Owen (190) and cornerback J.J. Miller (168). Clyde Brinson (192) is set at the other corner.

**TYRONE CREWS**, left, plays key role as Kansas State revitalizes defense in 1979. **ROOSEVELT DUNCAN**, who rushed for 549 yards in '78, may lose starting FB job.



**JIM ZIDD**, Kansas DE, a 6-1, 235-pounder, led Jayhawk linemen with 88 tackles in '78, 50 solos.



**MIKE HUBACH** rates as one of the nation's best punter-placekickers. He has booted 52-yard field goal.

Dickey thinks it should be an improved defense. But the offense was so dominating in spring scrimmages that improvement was not noticeable.

**KANSAS**—For a team that defeated UCLA and missed upsetting Oklahoma by a two-point conversion pass, Kansas was embarrassingly bad (1-10, 0-7) by the time the season ended and Bud Moore was fired. Unable to hire the coach it wanted (Bo Rein of North Carolina State) and fearful alumnus hero John Hadl was not sufficiently experienced, KU turned to a popular alternative: Don Fambrough.

Fambrough had been a KU fund raiser since being fired as head coach four years ago. He named Hadl offensive coordinator and transformed the offense from an option scheme to the pro set that carried his 1973 team to the Liberty Bowl.

The Jayhawks return more starters (17) than any Big Eight team. But some will play different positions and some will be demoted, as befitting a team that scored more than two touchdowns only twice and was ranked at the bottom of the Big Eight in three defensive categories.

The most important change is elevating Kevin Clinton (205) to starting quarterback and moving last year's starter, Harry Sidney (195), to halfback.

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Clinton will have at his disposal an excellent group of receivers, led by David Verser (180), Kevin Murphy (195), Russ Bastin (195), Dan Wagoner (175) and Lloyd Sobek (230).

The most pressing need is for running backs. Sydney, Mike Higgins (185) and junior college transfer Larry Kemp (200) are the best of a group that lacks breakaway speed. Freshmen will be counted on here.

An overhauled offensive line will have lettermen at every position. Tackles Mike Gay (250) and Dave Fletcher (255), center Bob Fiss (245) and guards Jim Ragsdale (230) and Bob Whitten (260) are probable starters.

End Jim Zidd (230) and free safety Leroy Irvin (180) are mainstays of a defense that was ravaged by injuries last season. Charles Casey (230) and James Jackson (240) are the ranking tackles, and unlettered senior Jim Radcliffe (230) and junior college transfer Stanley Gardner (265) are the leading nose guard candidates, over 1978 starter Joe McCraney (235). Chris Toburen (210) is the other end.

Scellars Young (215) and Monty Carbonell (225) return at linebacker. Strong safety Roger Foote (185) and cornerback Dave Harris (175) rejoin J.C. Booker (180) or Tony McNeely (200) at other cornerback in secondary with Irvin.

Mike Hubach (190) is the Big Eight's best all-purpose kicker. He was second in punting last year with a 41.4 average and goes into 1979 with a string of 37 extra points and the school field goal record, a 52-yarder.

### MISSOURI VALLEY

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS**—(7-4, 3-2). The Salukis have the best blend of experience and balance of any Valley team. Fourteen starters—seven on each unit—return from a team that handed New Mexico State its only conference loss.

Included are Valley rushing champion Bernell Quinn; perhaps the league's best quarterback, John Cernak; the best defensive tackles and an experienced offensive line.

Coach Rey Dempsey's main objectives will be to keep Quinn (200) and Cernak (6-4, 220) healthy and improve the pass defense. Quinn rushed for 939 yards last year, but suffered a disabling knee injury in the ninth game. Cernak missed most of the first half of the season with a broken leg. Upon returning he completed 37 of 64 passes, without an interception, for 465 yards.

With Quinn and Cernak fit and complemented by competent blockers and runners plus a home run receiving threat, SIU figures to have the Valley's best offense. Its defense led the Valley in three categories, but suffered breakdowns against passing.

Besides Quinn and Cernak, SIU returns veteran running backs Vic Harrison (200) and Clarence Robison (175), split end Kevin House (170), who has great speed and averaged 23 yards on 21 receptions last year, and is set everywhere in the offensive line except at center. All-Valley guard Byron Honore (235), two-year starting guard Steve Wheeler (230) and tackle Chris Lockwood (245) return. Letterman

Mark Mielock (235) is at the other tackle and Ken Little (230) is the center. Larry Kavanagh (220) should bloom into one of the Valley's best tight ends.

All-conference James Phillips (260) and Dave Callahan (230) comprise the best pair of tackles in the Valley. Nose guard Tom Piha (235) rounds out an envied interior. The ends are new, but Jim Farley (215) and Rich Seiler (220) are lettermen. Joe Barwinski (240), SIU's leading tackler last year, and Luther Foster (210) assure solid linebacking.

Safety Oyd Craddock (185) returns for his fourth year as a starter but cornerback John Palermo (205) is the only other established member of a secondary which allowed 171 passing yards per game last year.

**NEW MEXICO STATE**—(6-5, 5-1). The Aggies return 15 starters from a team that surprised by winning the Valley championship in Gil Krueger's first year as coach. The best runners, receivers and linemen return and a weak defense is expected to be improved.

But among the missing is quarterback David Spriggs, whose passing (2558 yards and 17 touchdowns) neutralized a defense that yielded 296 points. Spriggs was clearly the difference in New Mexico State squeezing Tulsa for the title and struggling to get out of the second division. The Aggies won five games by 14 points.

Spriggs' replacement will be Jamie McAlister (175), who had an edge in spring practice because of experience, or Butch Kelly (210), junior college transfer with more ability. Neither is in Spriggs' class.

Because of Krueger's fondness for passing and the presence of all-conference flanker Jeff Evans (179), who led the Valley in receptions with 48 for 926 yards, the Aggies are not expected to become altogether dependent on running, even though that is where they appear strongest.

Fullback Ray Locklin (216) was fourth in Valley rushing last year with 863 yards. Gary Steele (173) and Howard Greathouse (180) alternated at tailback and will again, unless Tyrone Pope (170), impressive in the spring, breaks up their act. The offensive line returns tackles John Cordova (230) and Steve Solaja (230) and guard Mark Bielcik (211). Guard David Tatum (230) and center Harold Olive (230) round out the line. Kerry Lucklin (200) returns at tight end.

Hopes of defensive improvement were tempered when All-Valley tackle Dan Plantz (213) suffered a knee injury in spring practice, as did Ken Hall (193), converted tailback who was counted on at defensive end. Basketball walk-on Brian Corrie (178) took command at the other end. Tackle David Day (235) starts at the other tackle. Linebacker Don Campbell (214), safeties James Ferebee (158) and Anthony Watson (185) and cornerbacks Michael Armand (198) and Ricky Ellis (174) started last year.

**TULSA**—The Hurricane made more improvement in its record than any major college team last year by rebounding from 3-8 to 9-2 in John Cooper's second season. One of those defeats came in the Valley (4-1)



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SHERMAN JOHNSON, 6-1, 191-pound Tulsa junior, gained 826 yards last year to rank fifth in the Missouri Valley.

showdown against New Mexico State.

It might appear Tulsa shifted back into reverse when the 1979 results are in. Having angered several conference members by scheduling only two Valley games, Tulsa must gain conference permission to designate three non-conference games against the likes of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Florida, Air Force and Texas Christian, to count in the race, or else not be eligible for the championship.

Fourteen starters return. Included are strong running backs, fine linebackers, a secondary that allowed only three touchdowns by passing and intercepted 19 passes, plus the Valley's leading candidate for national honors in defensive end Don Blackmon.

Tender lines loom as the most troublesome areas. The replacements at quarterback and wide receiver are promising: Bill Blankenship (190), a senior with considerable experience and a competent passer, and Kenny Jackson (170), gifted sophomore and faster than Blankenship, will share time at quarterback. Wide receivers Mike Rollins (190), Alvin Simpkins (170) Scott Fenton (164) and Paul Johnson (163) were pleasant surprises in the spring.

Sherman Johnson (191), fifth in conference rushing with 826 yards, Quinn Jones (210), Paul Robertson (195) and Don Hicks (205) are slashing runners and junior college transfer Kenneth Sessions (187) is explosive.

Cooper says he "can not imagine many teams having a better center" than Steve Nicholson (230). But every other position in the line is unsettled. The leading candidates are tackles Denver Johnson (251) and Jeff Schuster (242) and guards Chris Kelley (226) and Steve Orendac (235).

Blackmon (227) made second team All-America last year as a sophomore and "can be a great player," Cooper said. But Blackmon and tackle Bob Laird (231) are the only established linemen on defense. Bill Purifoy (238) starts at the other end and his brother Don (243) and transfer Dirck Vorenkamp (225) will battle for the other tackle position. Junior college transfer Jim Maxwell (226) is scheduled to start at nose guard.

The linebacker corps has a standout in John Brown (214) and three others with experience and ability in Reggie Epps (210), Robert Tennon (205) and Ray Meadows (205). Strong safety Lovie Smith (192), who also made second team All-America last year, heads a secondary that returns intact, with free safety Mike Menefee (185) and cornerbacks Lonnie Davis (190) and Chuck Simmons (190).

**DRAKE**—(4-7, 3-3). The Bulldogs return 14 starters from a team that at times played better than it seemed capable of. Coach Chuck Shelton did not have a dependable passer or wide receiver, and despite improved running the Bulldogs were last in conference rushing. Yet they flogged Wichita and lost by only one point to champion New Mexico State. They also were shut out three times.

Hopes for more consistency on offense are tied to improvement of return starters at skilled positions. Dwaine Ball (180) led the team in rushing, receiving and the Valley in kickoff returns. Fullback Wardell Wright (218) also returns, as do alternating quarterbacks Jerry Smith (189) and Rick Casco (188). Smith is a better runner, Casco a better passer. The receiver outlook is clouded, with experience confined to Tim McManus (177) and Rick Suchanuk (216). Tackle Moe Moeller (243), guard Rafael Soto (231) and center Denny McKnight (226) are returning starters.

The defensive line is the No. 1 problem. Tackle James Hall (230) and end Steve Pegram (218), an emergency convert from linebacker last year, are the only proven linemen. Junior college transfers Tom Atkinson (260) and Melvin McRoy (240) rate an edge to fill the other holes. The remainder of the defense started last year: linebackers Joel Jones (233) and Herc Payton (195), plus a secondary of Derrick Goddard (205), Ric Martin (200), Greg Benton (198) and George Ferguson (170).

**WICHITA**—The Shockers got off to a championship-hinting start last year, but mysteriously lost six of their last seven games for a souring (4-7, 2-4) finish that resulted in the firing of Jim Wright and hiring of Jeff Jefferies from South Carolina State.

Eleven starters return, but the Shockers remain a mystery. The outlook at quarterback is symbolic. Jefferies evaluated three junior college transfers in spring practice before deciding on Jim Goodman (210) as the starting quarterback. But in the spring game, walk-on Terry George (175) outplayed the field to cloud the picture.

Jefferies' offense, mixing the veer with the I-formation, has the Valley's No. 2 rusher in Mickey Collins (185), who gained 774 yards last year. The other running back spot will be Mike Green (195) or junior college transfer B.J. Moore (200).

Guard Robert Lang (245) is the only returning starter in the offensive line. David Sage (210), converted tight end, will be the other guard. Jay Hull (210), converted guard, starts at center. Joe Carter, highly regarded as a wide receiver or tight end, may give up football for baseball. Steve Hammond (185), Mike Berendes (185) and Norris Donnell (170) are experienced receivers.

Linebacker Brian Anderson (210), voted Valley defender of the year, missed spring practice because of a neck injury. He is expected to be fit. Bob Henderson (210) will be the other linebacker. Rodney Woods (225) won a starting job at nose guard, but the other line positions are in doubt. The secondary returns cornerback Cliff Linson (180), but the Shockers were so weak on pass defense last year that freshmen will have an opportunity to start.

One of the few bright and proven positions is placekicking. Joe Williams tied an NCAA record with a 67-yard field goal last year and led the Valley in scoring with 64 points.

**INDIANA STATE**—(3-8, 2-3). The Sycamores had the Valley's youngest team, relying on freshmen at several positions, and worst offense last year. But Coach Dick Jamieson has them on the rise in his second season.

Wide receivers Eddie Ruffin (160) and Kick Wilson (174) and tight end Hubert Moore (215) "have the ability to play anywhere in the country," Jamieson said. They were freshmen starters last year on an offense that returns everyone. Steve starters return on defense.

Freshman quarterbacks Reggie Allen (180) and Scott Bartel (182) are back, but Allen, who set a school record with four touchdown passes against Wichita, should become the starter. The recovery of leading rusher Zack Washington (194) and the improvement of Larry Cross (188) and Eric Robinson (175) strengthen the running attack.

Tackle Tunch Ilkin (243) and center Carl Spruill (216) are the only established players in the offensive line. The conversion of guard Mark Gradkowski (217), from defense will help, except for end Gerry Glusic (218) the defensive line is shallow. But the linebacking corps is experienced and led by Craig Shaffer (208). The secondary returns intact and features all-conference safety John Allman (188).

**WEST TEXAS**—The Buffaloes were as disappointing in 1978 as they were surprising in 1977, when they were picked last and won the championship. Favored to repeat, they crashed to the Valley cellar.

In addition, Coach Bill Yung lost the best weapons he had: His running backs graduated and punter Carl Birdson (42.5) transferred.

Despite all of this, Yung contends the Buffs will be better, because of the emergence of quarterback Larry Thompson (184) as a fine runner and some of the Valley's best linemen. He also reminds that the Buffs lost three conference games last year by a total of six points. Fullback Jackie Compton (195) and tailback Danny Clark (168), spring starters, are considerably below the level of their predecessors and might be dislodged by freshmen, notably Gus Williams (195).

All-conference tackle Reggie McElroy (255) leads an offensive line which includes center Glen Keller (225) and highly regarded tight end Milton Baker (205). Mark Manley (173) and Mark Tidwell (183) are the leading wide receivers.

The defense is built around tackle Elvin Keller (223) and nose guard Bill Shiffman (231) and end Rod Banks (233) from junior college and tackle David Thomas (240) from Air Force Academy. Linebackers Adolfo Sonen (185) and Mike Nelson (200) started last year, as did safeties John Holt (171) and Daryl Hemphill (185). Converted end Larry Moore (223) is a threat to start at linebacker. Junior college transfer Ed Adams (175) will start at one corner.

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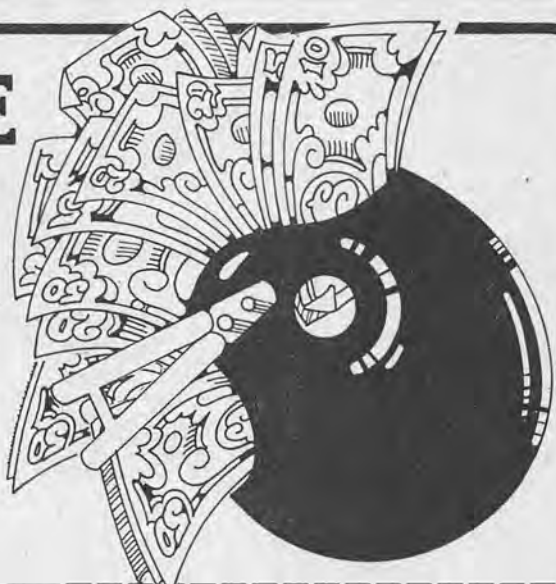
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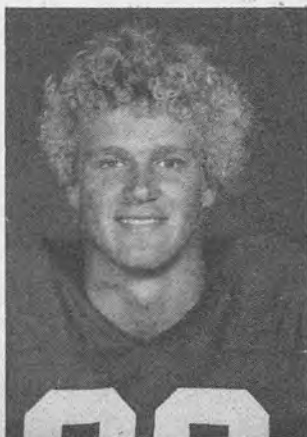


PAUL McDONALD, Univ. of Southern California QB, threw for 1690 yards and 19 touchdowns in the 1978 season.

ANTHONY MUNOZ (6-7, 280) and BRAD BUDDE (6-5, 253) provide the power for the USC Trojan running attack.



KEN MARGERUM (left) and MILT McCOLL are two of the standouts on the excellent Stanford Univ. football team.



CHARLES WHITE, the unanimous All-America who ran for 1859 yards, resulting in 13 TDs during the last season.



DARRIN NELSON has an outstanding record of 2130 yards rushing and 100 receptions in his two years at Stanford.



### By Dwight Chapin

Talented young writer Dwight Chapin, columnist for the San Francisco Examiner, has lowdown on West Coast football.

# West Coast

## USC POWERFUL; INDIANS, HUSKIES AND SUN DEVILS ADD NEW DEPTH TO PAC 10

### PREDICTIONS

#### Pacific 10

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Southern California | 6. California        |
| 2. Stanford            | 7. Arizona           |
| 3. Washington          | 8. Oregon            |
| 4. Arizona State       | 9. Oregon State      |
| 5. UCLA                | 10. Washington State |

#### Pacific Coast AA

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Utah State          | 4. Pacific           |
| 2. San Jose State      | 5. Cal St. Fullerton |
| 3. Cal. St. Long Beach | 6. Fresno State      |

#### Independents

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| 2. St. Mary's   | 5. Azusa Pacific  |
| 3. Santa Clara  | 6. USIU           |

#### Far Western

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| 1. UC Davis        | 4. Chico State       |
| 2. Cal St. Hayward | 5. Sacramento State  |
| 3. Humboldt State  | 6. San Francisco St. |

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| 2. Cal St. Northridge |                    |

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| 2. Redlands       | 5. La Verne      |
| 3. Whittier       | 6. Pomona-Pitzer |

I've gotten the distinct impression over the years that despite the Pacific 10's stunning domination in recent Rose Bowls, not enough people have taken the conference seriously.

Oh, sure, everybody knows about USC and its Cardinal and Gold hordes and the continuing excellence at UCLA, all those passers and throwers at Stanford and California and the fact that Washington Husky can, on occasion, be one mighty mean dog.

But I just don't think that football coaches and fans think of the Pac 10 as up there with the Big Eight, the Southeastern Conference, the Big Ten or even the Southwest Conference.

Maybe it's time somebody took a hard look.

The Pac 10 sent four teams to bowl games after last season. Three of them won and the fourth, UCLA, tied Arkansas in the Fiesta Bowl. And Washington, a team that didn't go anywhere, played co-national champion Alabama within three points. USC, of course, beat the Crimson Tide by a healthy 10 points.

That's not quite all. The Pac 10's combined non-conference record was 22-12-2. Included in the losses were a six-pointer by Stanford to vaunted Oklahoma, and a four-pointer by league also-ran Arizona to mighty Michigan.

What all of that means is a new depth in the Pacific 10, or at least a depth that has seldom been properly recognized. And it leads to the most difficult race to call in the 12 seasons I've been writing this report.

No, I'm not talking about life at the tip-top. The Southern California Trojans seem almost a consensus choice to win the championship. By everyone but their coach, John Robinson, who's seeing hobgoblins around every corner, that is.

It's the rest of the pecking order that's so difficult. I'm picking UCLA the lowest I ever have—fifth—for example. I suspect Terry Donahue will find a way to make me look myopic. But, on paper, the Bruins just don't have the proven returning talent that teams like Stanford and Washington do. Nor do they have quite as cushy a schedule as Frank Kush should enjoy at Arizona State.

Schedules, in fact, could make all the difference this time around. Jim Walden, Washington State's second-year head coach, says: "I think USC and Arizona State are the teams to beat. Arizona State plays seven home games and I think it's going to be a dogfight for SC to keep them out of the Rose Bowl."

You'll note in the reports that follow that a lot of attention is paid to when and where, because I think those two factors may be as important as who, why and how in '79.

Only three teams—the two Oregon schools and Washington State—appear clearly out of title contention as the season starts. At least five teams seem clearly in it, although the Trojans may top the early national as well as conference polls.

USC, which normally plays six or seven games at



home, has six on the road this year, however. "Tremendously difficult," John Robinson says of that assignment. You see what I mean?

Elsewhere, Utah State and San Jose State, under new coach Jack Elway, should argue again for the Pacific Coast Athletic Association championship. Cal Lutheran, which has been playing quality football for years under Bob Shoup, is my pick as top independent; UC Davis should just hold off Cal State Hayward in the Far Western Conference; Cal Poly San Luis Obispo is the class of the California Collegiate Athletic Association and suddenly-strong Claremont-Mudd is the choice in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Here are the area's leading contenders for All-America honors: (QB) Paul McDonald, USC; Ed Luther, San Jose State; (RB) Charles White, USC; Darrin Nelson, Stanford; Joe Steele, Washington; (WR) Ken Margerum, Stanford; Kevin Williams, USC; Floyd Eddings, California; (OT) Anthony Munoz, USC; (OG) Brad Budde, USC; Kevin Donaghue, Oregon State; (C) Norm Katnik, Arizona; Brent Boyd, UCLA; (DE) Bob Kohrs, Arizona State; Terry Dion, Oregon; (DT) Doug Martin, Washington; Cleveland Crosby, Arizona; Rulon Jones, Utah State; Chuck Evans, Stanford; (LB) Dennis Johnson, USC; Ben Apuna, Arizona State; Brad Vassar, Pacific; (DB) Ken Easley, UCLA; Dennis Smith, USC; Tim Smith, Oregon State; (K) Mike Lansford, Washington.

### PACIFIC 10

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**—It's fair, I think, to assume USC is loaded—as usual. Especially when we hear coach John Robinson throwing up caution flags with words like these: "We have the potential to be very successful again, but we've got to overcome the loss of several outstanding players, a tremendously difficult road schedule and injuries to eight top returning players, most of them starters. We'll be exposed to a lot of adulation before the season, people saying we're obviously going to win and all that nonsense. That's inaccurate and premature."

Oh, yeah? Well, John, some of those people who are dealing in "all that nonsense" are your fellow Pacific 10 coaches. The ones who don't have a leading Heisman Trophy candidate like running back Charles White or the best passer in the league, Paul McDonald, or monster linemen like Anthony Munoz and Brad Budde, or seven starters off a defense that was the second-best in the nation against the run last season and intercepted 27 passes. And that doesn't even count what some people think might be the best freshmen recruits in the country—guys like lineman George Achica; defensive back Joey Brownner; running back Anthony Gibson; linebacker Drew Dossett and 15 more.

Let's break it down. The offense has White (1859 yards and 13 TDs last season); McDonald (115 of 203 passes for 1690 yards and 19 TDs); wide receiver Kevin Williams (17 receptions, 10 for TDs); five line starters—including two All-America candidates, Munoz (6-7, 280), who could win the Outland Trophy, and Budde (6-5, 253), at tackle and guard;

James Hunter (6-4, 225) at tight end; Keith Van Horne (6-7, 250) at tackle and Chris Foote (6-4, 240) at center. Munoz and Hunter come off leg surgery; Foote off a knee injury. Either Scott Fraser (6-2, 240) or Roy Foster (6-4, 260) should replace All-America guard Pat Howell.

Dan Garcia and Raymond Butler, both sparingly used seniors, have the talent to replace Calvin Sweeney at a wide receiver spot, although freshman redshirt Jeff Simmons could push them. The only real question on offense seems to be who'll fill Lynn Cain's spot at fullback. Ricky Johnson (6-2½, 215), who broke an ankle in the first game, could be the man, although sophomores Paul DiLulo (6-1, 230) and Doug MacKenzie (5-11, 210) and senior Tony Olivaria (6-2, 214) will contest it.

The defensive starters back are tackles Myron Lapka (6-4, 245) and Ty Sperling (6-0, 225); outside linebacker Larry Grew (6-5, 225); inside linebackers Dennis Johnson (6-4, 230), who led the team with 124 tackles, and Riki Gray (6-2, 220); rover Ronnie Lott (6-2, 200) and safety Dennis Smith (6-3, 200). There's also cornerback Herb Ward (5-10, 190), who started five games but was inconsistent. Sperling and Gray both are coming off knee surgery; Lapka had shoulder and leg surgery.

Bidding to replace nose guard Rich Dimler will be exciting sophomore Dennis Edwards (6-4, 235) and senior Brad Streelman (6-5½, 250). Junior Eric Scoggins (6-3½, 220) and sophomore Chip Banks (6-5, 230) are the leading contenders for Garry Cobb's outside linebacking job. Transfer Bob Salazar (6-0, 180), ex-wide receiver Jeff Fisher (5-11, 180), junior Kenney Moore (6-0, 183) and perhaps wide receiver Michael Hayes (5-9, 175) will get a look at cornerback.

The kickers will be new. Transfer Eric Hipp, who holds the California JC mark with a 57-yard field goal, likely will handle placements; David Pryor, John Perry and Jeff Fisher are trying to win the punting job. Frank Jordan and Marty King could be missed in these specialties, but the Trojan power nearly everywhere else seems enough to make up for any dropoffs.

**STANFORD**—The first impulse might be to feel a little sorry for new coach Rod Dowhower. He's replacing a very popular (and very successful) man, first off. That's Bill Walsh, who's taken over Mission Improbable with the San Francisco 49ers. Second, star quarterback Steve Dils, running back Phil Francis and linebackers Gordy Ceresino and Steve Budinger are gone (although Budinger could return from an injury). To top it all, amazing running back Darrin Nelson was hurt in spring track competition, and underwent leg surgery. But Dowhower is an optimist. This year's team, he says, is much like the Cardinal squads in 1977 and 1978 that won bowl games and ended up in the top 20.

Dowhower has run the Cards' quarterback-receiver factory, and what comes out of that plant this year may be crucial. Question No. 1 is whether untried Turk Schoenert (6-2, 185), a fifth-year senior, can work the magic Dils did . . . and, if he can't,



DOUG MARTIN (left), the 6-4, 246-pounder who gives the Washington Huskies outstanding pass rushing, and tailback JOE STEELE (right), the 6-4, 210-pounder who set the single-season Husky rushing record with 1111 yards in 1978.

whether the country's top-ranked prep quarterback of '78, John Elway, is ready for the bigtime yet. The receivers are there, led by Ken Margerum (6-1, 175), who paced the Pac 10 with 53 catches for 912 yards; Gordon Banks, Andre Tyler, Larry Harris and tight end Pat Bowe (6-7, 250)—along with Nelson, who does everything. Last season, as a sophomore, the little man (5-9, 174), rushed for 1061 yards (6.4 yards per carry); caught 50 passes for 446 yards and returned punts and kickoffs, too. Assuming he's healthy, he'll be joined at running back by junior Jim Brown (248 yards rushing as Francis' backup).

The offensive line has size, and depth. The leader is center John Macauley (6-4, 242) and other returning starters are tackle Brian Holloway (6-7, 265) and guard Paul Hibler (6-2, 247). Other possibles include Brent Saylor (6-5, 265), Andre Hines (6-6, 250), Charles Bedford (6-2, 240), John Delmare (6-4, 261) and Mike Neill (6-3, 240).

Defense? It was much better in '78 after a switch from a four-man front to a 3-4-4, and most everybody is back. That includes senior tackles Chuck Evans (6-4, 240) and Dean Wilson (6-4, 225) and sophomore nose guard Doug Rogers (6-5, 260) up front, where Steve Ballinger (6-6, 240) will battle, too. There is much strength at outside linebacker in Milt McColl (6-6, 220), Terry Rennaker, Kevin Bates and Tom Hall. Sophomore Craig Zellmer probably will replace Ceresino and letterman Bo Boxold may take over for Budinger. Sophomore Dave Morze will help. Grades felled All-Coast safetyman Robby Chapman (118 tackles) so returnees Rick Parker and Steve Foley will have to lead a secondary that now may also include Rich Gervais and Keith Burcham—or sophomore Rodney Gilmore. The kicking game should be handled capably again by Ken Naber

(39.8-yard punting average); 12 of 19 field goals.).

The Cardinals have great overall team speed (five players are sprinters on the track team) and had a super recruiting year, particularly offensive and defensive backs. If Nelson isn't recovered, Dowhower can call on a gifted newcomer like Vincent White, Rob Moore or Mike Dotterer. "I think we will be a factor in the conference race," the rookie head coach says. I'm not going to argue with him, if somebody can take command early at quarterback . . . in the Stanford tradition.

**WASHINGTON**—A blocked punt, a punt that didn't get off, a dropped touchdown pass and a couple of lousy games—one against USC—left the Huskies floundering in Lake Washington rather than basking in Pasadena sunshine last season. But the 7-4 record included three-point losses to Alabama and UCLA, so with just a break here or there, Don James' club would have been in a major bowl somewhere—if not the Rose—for a second straight time. Despite some big-name player losses, the Huskies definitely should contend again, and could win it all if they can pick up the 700 yards they lost in their passing game in '78.

In the spring, James talked of "strength up the middle." That's guards Phil Foreman (6-2, 225) and Dan Chavira (6-2, 234) and center Tom Turnure (6-4, 227); fullbacks Touissant Tyler (6-3, 213) and Ron Gipson (6-0, 218) and tailbacks Joe Steele (6-4, 210); Kyle Stevens (5-8½, 177) and Vince Coby (6-0, 195). Steele set a school record with 1111 yards, and needs just 103 more to break Hugh McElhenny's Husky career record of 2499. He's All-America material.

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not include quarterback, where Tom Porras was somewhat disappointing, despite throwing for 1151 yards as a junior. He'll be challenged by junior Tom Flick, who hit 19 of 29 passes in the Huskies' finale when Porras was sidelined with a broken thumb. Both could be pressed by redshirt freshman Anthony Allen and Tim Cowan. Home-run receiver Spider Gaines is gone, but Keith Richardson (24 catches) and Gary Briggs are back, and Ron Blacken and Aaron Williams have promise. Joe Sanford (6-5½, 259) returns at one tackle; Randy Van Divier (6-5, 260) may replace All-America Jeff Toews at the other. Letterman Rudy Moraga (6-3, 232) and transfer Dave Bayle (6-4, 224) will vie at tight end.

Some excellent players—linebackers Michael Jackson and John Kerley and backs Nesby Glasgow and Kyle Heinrich—will be missing on defense, but senior Doug Martin (6-4, 246) may be as good as any tackle in the college game and linebacker Antowaine Richardson (6-1, 195) and nose guard Stafford Mays (6-2, 233) can both hit . . . and run. Tackle Chris Linnin (6-3, 242), plenty tough, too, in his first season on defense, will join Martin and Mays up front. Bruce Harrell (No. 2 in tackles with 134); Bret Gagliardi (6-4, 215) and Jerry McLain (6-3, 217) should work with Richardson at linebacker. Strong safety Greg Grimes (6-1, 190) is the leader of a secondary that also has experience in Mark Lee (5-11½, 189), Lance Theoudele (6-0, 183) and Ken Gardner (5-10, 182), and promise in redshirt freshmen Dennis Brown, Derek Harvey, Ray Horton, Chris O'Connor, Joel Schmit and Bill Stapleton.

Soccer-style placekicker Mike Lansford hit all 33 of his extra-point attempts, and 13 of 22 field goals, one from 49 yards. Nothing to worry about there. Back, too, is punter Aaron Wilson, who averaged 36.2 yards per kick. The first month of the season looks relatively untaxing, and the Huskies draw USC in Seattle this year. If James can come up with a combination to move the ball more effectively through the air, that Nov. 10 meeting should be of more than ordinary interest.

**ARIZONA STATE**—Frank Kush, the nation's second winningest coach, was complaining loudly in the spring about lack of depth and experience in his offensive line and defensive secondary. "I don't care how good your backs are," Kush said, "you can't go without those horses up front. And when the secondary makes a mistake, it costs you six. Until we solve those problems, we won't be a good football team." But the suspicion is—given a good recruiting year and seven home games—that the Sun Devils might be a very good football team, likely a Pac-10 contender after tying for fourth in their first season in the conference, going 9-3 overall and beating Rutgers in the first Garden State Bowl.

Much depends on gifted but inconsistent quarterback Mark Malone, the big (6-4, 212) senior who led the team in rushing (705 yards) and passing (1305) and was instrumental in handing USC its only loss. Good passer Mike Pagel and star frosh Sandy Osiecki are behind him. Three starters—Chris Mott, Greg Blakes and Steve Chambers—are missing from



ROBERT KOHRS, 6-3, 255, leads Arizona State from defensive end position.



MARK MALONE, quarterback for Sun Devils, is best athlete on squad.

the line. Tony Loia (6-2, 300), who fights a weight problem, and Brad Igou (6-5, 260) may open at tackles, with converted tackle Kani Kauahi (6-3, 245) and Norris Williams (6-3, 240), both solid players, at guards and sophomore Marty Van Gorder (6-3, 250) at center. Marshall Edwards (6-3, 240) may hold his tight end spot despite knee surgery.

There are receivers who can catch—John Mistler (20 grabs for 310 yards); Melvin Hoover, Ron Washington and Bernard Henry—if the quarterbacks get the time to throw. The Sun Devils look deep in quality running backs, too, with Newton Williams (526 yards), who also had knee surgery; Gerald Riggs (6-1, 225); Alvin Moore (6-0, 185); Robert Weathers (6-1, 205) and Willie Gittens (5-11, 175).

In addition to concerns about the defensive secondary, Kush must try to replace All-America end Al Harris. Either Mike Bowles (6-4, 230), back from knee surgery, or Mitchell Thomas (6-4, 200) likely will try, teaming with Bob Kohrs (6-3, 225), who, like Harris, has All-America talent. Joe Peters (6-6, 260) and Tom Allen (6-5, 235) get first call at tackle, but freshman Mike White (6-4, 240) and Brad Gasser (6-5, 277) have outstanding credentials. When a middle guard is required, sophomore Reynaldo Peru (6-5, 245) should be the man. Jeff McIntyre is gone from the linebacking corps but there's stability in Ben Apuna (6-2, 220), Bob Carl (6-2, 230) and Gary Padjen (6-3, 240), and super promise in frosh Wayne Apuna, Ben's brother, and Vernon Maxwell.

All-Pac 10 pick Kim Anderson has departed the secondary, along with Raye Williams and Darrell Gill. Starter Mike Lee (6-3, 190) is back at one corner; transfer Ralph Dixon (6-0, 185) may play opposite him. Only John Moreland (6-0, 180) has any starting experience at safety. If he can convert from linebacker, freshman Mike Richardson (6-0, 190) has a big chance to help here, along with transfer Mike Maloney (6-1, 200). Frosh Mike Black, who averaged 47 yards a kick as a prep, probably will be the



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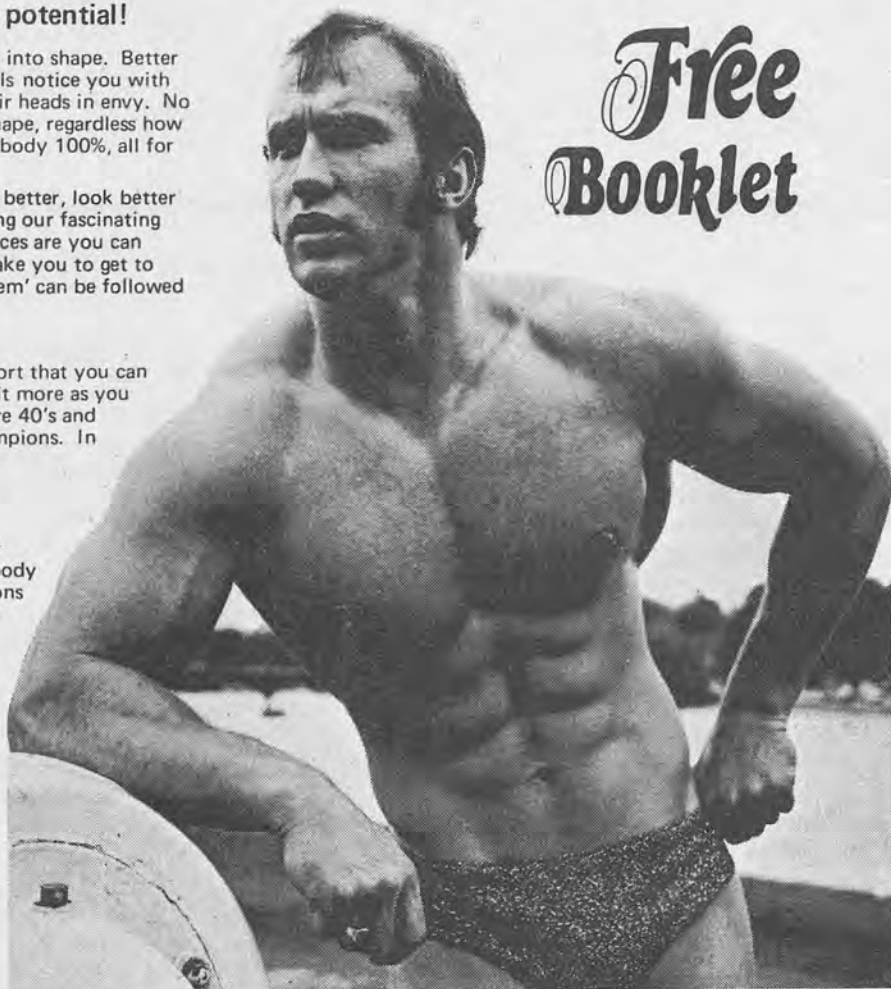
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**RICK BASHORE** passed for 811 yards and two touchdowns and ran for 125 yards and eight TDs from UCLA quarterback spot.



**BRENT BOYD**, the UCLA center, sat out the entire 1978 season with an injury.

punter. A replacement is needed for placekicker Steve Hicks. The key for the Sun Devils is if they can handle Stanford and UCLA on the road in November. If so, you may be able to order the roses.

**UCLA**—For the first time in years, the Bruins may enter the season not favored to finish among the top three in the conference. Terry Donahue's team played sluggishly much of 1978, despite an 8-3-1 record, and loses a ton of talent, including names such as Theotis Brown, James Owens, Jerry Robinson, Manu Tuiasosopo, Severn Reece, Bruce Davis and Jeff Muro. There are 23 lettermen missing, and work to do nearly all around.

Two-year starter Rick Bashore, who led the team with eight touchdowns, is back at quarterback but could be pushed by redshirt freshman Bernard Quarles (6-2½, 196), who has a strong passing arm. Junior Freeman McNeil (408 yards) will finally get his chance to star at tailback, with support from Glen Cannon (5-10, 186). Brown, second greatest runner in school history with 2914 yards, can't be replaced immediately but several youngsters will try

to work in, including sophomore Toa Saipale (6-3, 219); transfer Danny Lei (6-2, 220) and redshirt Jairo Penaranda (5-11½, 200). Large (6-5¼, 206) sophomore redshirt Scot Tiesing and freshman Mike Durden (6-2, 174) will battle for Reece's split-end position, while one of the team's top athletes, Michael Brant (5-10, 178) returns at flanker. He's backed by Willie Curran (6-0, 173) and Jojo Townsell (5-10, 169). Tight end should be in good shape with Tim Wrightman (6-4, 240); Ronnie DeBose (6-5, 224) and James Forge (6-3, 243).

Brent Boyd (6-3, 240), who missed last season with an injury likely will be one of the league's top centers, with aid from Dave Otey (6-2½, 240), who started four games in '78. The guards will be starters Jim Main (6-3, 250) and Larry Lee (6-2½, 262) and top reserves Ron Wollard (6-2, 226) and Ron Davis (6-2, 234). Senior Curt Mohl (6-5, 252), who missed half a season with an injury, should be at one tackle; Gregg Christiansen (6-5, 260); John Tautolo (6-3½, 247); Luis Sharpe (6-6, 254) and Mike Mason (6-7, 242) are in contention at the other.

Billy Don Jackson (6-2½, 231), the second-team All-Coast tackle, probably will move to inside linebacker, to work with Arthur Akers (6-3½, 212), and try to replace Robinson and Muro. Glenn Windom (6-2½, 220), who was in on 60 tackles despite missing three games; Brad Plemmons (6-3½, 210) and Chris Elias (6-1½, 214) are most capable outside linebackers. There are questions up front, with Tuiasosopo and Don Hopwood gone and Jackson shifted. Raymond Robinson (6-3, 249) will get a long look at nose guard, as will redshirt freshman Mark Ferguson (6-3, 210) and Mike Jolly (6-4, 240). Mark Tuinei (6-4, 235), Joe Gary (6-4, 258), Isaac Gordon (6-5, 224), Randy Dickerson (6-5½, 250) Mike Barbee (6-5, 233) and Gary Talanoa (6-5, 270) are vying at tackle.

Ken Easley (6-1½, 202), a consensus All-America as a sophomore, and Brian Baggott, being shifted from safety to corner, lead a secondary that may also include Jimmy Turner (6-1, 185) and Dave Gomer (5-1, 184). The kicking game should be no concern, thanks to punter Matt McFarland (39.1 yard average) and placekicker Peter Boormeester (15 of 21 field goals, 20 of 21 PATs).

Despite the uncertainties, there's still much talent here, and a schedule that includes only three conference road games, two against Oregon and Washington State.

**CALIFORNIA**—As usual, the Golden Bears are the West Coast's mystery team. Last year they lost 11 starters to injuries but still finished 6-5. That was deceiving, however, as they were beaten a combined 152-48 by four of the league's best teams, USC, UCLA, Arizona State and Stanford. Roger Theder has most of his team back, in good health, and has added 28 recruits (all freshmen as Cal has switched its recruiting emphasis), but is the only Pac-10 team that has to play every conference opponent, plus Michigan. All of that raises serious questions as to whether the Bears can expect much improvement very soon.



JIM KROHN, Arizona quarterback, led the Pacific 10 in passing before an arm injury disabled him, while CLEVELAND CROSBY (95) and JEFF WHITTON (74) are top defensive returnees for the Arizona Wildcats in the 1979 season.

The offense must carry the team for awhile, at least. Junior Rich Campbell threw for 2287 yards, second-best ever by a Cal quarterback, and he'll be working with four receivers—Floyd Eddings, Holden Smith, Michael Buggs and Matt Bouza—who all started at one time or another and had a combined 69 receptions for 1347 yards. All are young, and good. Veteran Paul Jones (801 yards), a fine receiver, too, is an excellent fullback, but either Allen Blackmon (5-10, 190) or Mike Carnell (6-1, 195) needs to take charge at tailback to balance the attack.

The best of a callow offensive line looks to be big Kevin Uperesa (6-7, 260) at one tackle spot. The rest of the starters probably will be drawn from among Brian Bailey (6-3, 260), Ron Goldy (6-6, 240), Mike Harmon (6-4, 250), Don Hudson (6-3, 275), Bruce Sorenson (6-4, 240), Rick Anderson (6-1, 240), Tim Galas (6-0, 245), Jesse Covarrubias (6-4, 235) and Harvey Salem (6-6, 240). There are several touted preps, too, and one of them, Dave Lewis (6-3, 215) could take over for departed Lamar Lundy at tight end. "Our pass protection," Theder says, "was disappointing last year. It has to improve."

Nine starters return from the defense that was only No. 9 in the Pac 10, and Theder will switch from a 4-3 to a 5-2 front in an attempt for improvement. The tackles, Daryle Skaugstad (6-5, 245) and Pat Graham (6-4, 240), should be outstanding. Kirk Karaczoff (6-2, 230) may be between them at nose guard. Six veteran linebackers return, led by two-year starter Ron Hill (6-2, 220) and Greg Bracelin (6-2, 200), coming off knee surgery. Sophomores Rick Dixon (6-3, 215) and Eric McIntyre (6-3, 215) both performed well in '78 and are potential starters,

along with John Breidenthal (6-3, 220), Stan Holloway (6-2, 220), Pat Turner (6-3, 215) and Ulysses Madison (6-3, 215).

Anthony Washington (6-3, 200), who returned six interceptions for 224 yards and two touchdowns, and Daryl Swanson (6-2, 190) rank with any cornerbacks in the conference. A defensive key is at safety, where Ron Coccimiglio (6-1, 190), Timmy Washington (5-11, 180), Darnell Chapman (6-2, 195) and Rich Terry (6-2, 200) will contend along with freshman blue-chippers Steve Davis and Clemont Williams. If he's healthy, Coccimiglio could be a star. Joe Cooper is a good placekicker; Dan Melville's punting duties will fall to either freshman John Tuggle or walk-on Mike Ahr.

**ARIZONA**—Tony Mason likes to talk about things such as spiritual soundness, courage, excellence and respect. If he finds some offensive linemen with those attributes, plus talent, his Wildcats have the potential to cause some major miseries for several teams—if not battle for the title just yet—in their second year in the Pacific 10. Mason has eight offensive and defensive starters back and draws what looks like one of the conference's most favorable schedules.

Senior Jim Krohn (6-3½, 196), a fine option quarterback lost at midseason with an arm injury, is back, and will be working with two-time leading rusher Hubert Oliver (866 yards in '78) and tailback Larry Heater (5-11½, 190), who gained 793 yards in nine games despite being slowed by injuries; wide receivers Tim Haynes and Tim Holmes and fine center Norm Katnik (6-1½, 144).

But leading receiver Ron Beyer is gone at tight



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end, along with Bill Segal at tackle and Neil Orr and John Schramm at guards. The new tackles likely will be Neal Harris (6-4½, 256) and Bill Jensen (6-4½, 254), both season-end starters; the guards should be drawn from among JC transfers Guy Davis (6-4, 243), Rod Helseth (6-5, 240), Memmo Reyes (6-1½, 245) and John Wozniak (6-3, 240) and letterman Ed Kybartas (6-2½, 254); letterman Bill Nettling (6-3½, 221) and transfer Rich Roberts (6-3, 226) will vie at tight end.

There's no hesitation where to look first on defense, where Cleveland Crosby, who runs a 4.6 40 despite the fact he's 6-4½ and 241 pounds. He should be among the best tackles in the land. He'll be ably aided by middle guard Jeff Whitton (6-3½, 244) and safety Dave Liggins (5-11½, 203), a fine hitter with 4.5 speed.

The other defensive starters back are end John Crawford (6-2, 219); linebackers Sam Giangardella (6-0½, 221) and Jack Housley (6-0½, 214); and cornerbacks Van Brandon (5-10½, 181) and Reggie Ware (6-2, 195).

Bidding to play opposite Crosby are Mike Robinson (6-5, 250), a transfer from Oklahoma State, and letterman Neal Harris (6-4½, 256). The other defensive end may be one of three transfers—Hal Goodwin (6-1, 215); Reggie Hall (6-3, 220) or John Ramseyer (6-1, 225)—or returnee Chris Smith (6-2½, 209). The final secondary spot is being contested by Mark Allen (6-2, 180) and Marcellus Greene (5-11½, 183), two more of those transfers from Cincinnati, and lettermen Gary Harris, Dwayne Horton and Mark Streeter. Punter Frank Garcia (41.1 average) has departed but JC All-America Barry Kramer (who averaged 42.5 at Rock Valley, Ill., College) could be an able replacement. Place-kicker Barry Zivic (25 of 28 PATs; 8 of 19 field goals) returns.

Mason has 33 lettermen back from a 55-man squad, and he had his second straight good recruiting year. The key to whether his team will be a spoiler or more in the Pac 10 should be the game against USC, in Los Angeles, Nov. 3, and the Wildcats have a bye the week before they face the Trojans.

**OREGON**—One independent survey called the Fighting Ducks the fourth most improved team in the nation in 1978, even if they did finish only 2-9. They lost four games by a total of just 11 points—and cut two touchdowns off their opponents' scoring average from the previous year. And there's a strong running game to build around this season. But . . . Rich Brooks' club, in its first four weeks, must play Colorado, Michigan State, Washington and Purdue—all but Washington on the road. So it's possible the troops will be seriously depleted (perhaps morale, as well) by the time the core conference schedule comes around.

There are strengths. Junior fullback Vince Williams gained 842 yards, and has able help from tailbacks Dwight Robertson (6-1, 175) and Reggie Young (6-1, 194) and fullback Jeff Wood (6-3, 229). Other offensive plusses are guards Steve Greatwood (6-3, 252) and Kevin Anderson (6-5, 246) and vet-

eran wide receivers Curt Jackson (21 catches for 237 yards) and Don Coleman, a world-class sprinter.

Quarterback is a question, however, now that dropback passer Mike Kennedy has transferred. Converted defensive back Tim Durando started the last five games, after Kennedy was injured, threw for 620 yards and rushed for 74, but youngsters Kevin Lusk, Andrew Page and Reggie Ogburn might press him. The rest of the potential offensive line starters—tackles Pat McDougall (6-6, 274) and Kevin McGill (6-7, 266); centers Mike Delegato (6-2, 220) and Mike Honeycutt (6-4, 273); JC transfer tight end Mike McKinney (6-3, 224) and sophomore Greg Hogensen (6-4, 217)—are largely unproven. They'll have to jell quickly if the improved running attack is to be sustained. Tight end Tim Beyer will be missed in this regard.

The front four that mounted an outstanding pass rush last season will be back for more. Terry Dion (6-4, 242) and Neil Elshire (6-5, 246), both excellent players, are at the ends; rugged Vince Goldsmith (5-10, 223) and Mike Kesler (6-4, 234) at tackles, supplemented by Scott Setterlund (6-4, 239). That group sacked Washington State's Jack Thompson six times. The outside linebackers, Bryan Hinkle (6-2, 205) and Mike Berkich (6-3, 225) are first-rate, too. Andy Vobora (6-2, 205) and Ed Hagerty (6-2, 216) are the chief candidates to replace defensive signal caller Bruce Beekley at middle linebacker.

The secondary, which loses Kenny Bryant and Rick Hudnell, must be rebuilt. The group that will get first call includes Mike Nolan (5-11, 168), Ken Lawler (6-2, 185), Tim Smith (5-9, 170) and Jerome Covington (5-8, 156). The kicking game appears sound with returnees Mike Babb, who averaged 40.6 yards a punt, and sophomore placekicker Pat English. The slogan in Eugene during the spring, in tribute to the runners and the defensive front, was "The Rush Is On." Brooks has to be hoping those first foes won't turn it into a bum's rush.

**OREGON STATE**—The Beavers, coach Craig Fertig says, thinks his team is coming together because of experience but that seems to border, at least, on wishful thinking. The team's record was the best in seven years last season, but 3-7-1 didn't satisfy anyone, least of all Fertig, who hasn't been able to put together a really solid unit, although he does spring an upset now and then, as he did against UCLA in '78. Except for running back, there are plenty of players returning offensively, led by guard Kevin Donaghue (6-3½, 265); center Roger Levasa (6-3, 252); wide receiver Steve Coury, who caught 31 passes for 502 yards even though he's just 5-8, 174, and doesn't have great speed, and kicker Kieron Walford, already the school record holder in career PATs, field goals and points.

Teaming with All-America candidate Donaghue and Levasa in an offensive line that is minus only Craig Spiegelberg should be guard Brian Stack (6-0½, 247) and tackles Doug Johnston (6-5, 248) and Rich Humphreys (6-6, 253) or Eric Pettigrew (6-5, 248). Chris Smith (6-3, 224) returns at tight end, and the other receiver should be Justin Willis,



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who came on well at the end of the year, Dan Fidel or Victor Simmons.

Erratic Steve Smith (96 completions for 1182 yards) won some games for the Beavers at quarterback but must limit both his physical and mental errors. Sophomores Mike Smith (6-2, 197) and Tim Sim (6-1, 192) might hold their positions at running back but Fertig needs punch here, and might look to a pair of JC transfers, Darryl Minor (5-11, 170) and Tony Robinson (5-9, 170), or a trio of freshmen—Isidore Allmond, Tom Critser and Brennan Redd. All of the newcomers reportedly are quick.

Replacements must be located on defense for linebackers Kent Peyton, a Beaver leader for three seasons, and Kent Howe, and safetymen Lenny Holmes and Tom Stevens. The top man here unquestionably is cornerback Tim Smith (6-2, 192), a worthy All-America candidate who made 57 tackles; intercepted four passes, recovered two fumbles, broke up eight passes, returned 13 punts for 79 yards and 29 kick-offs for 675 yards, one 90 for a touchdown. End Nick Westerberg (6-5, 234), tackle Tom Schillinger (6-1, 245) and linebacker Reggie Williams (6-1, 221) are solid players, too.

Senior Craig Roussell (6-3, 242) will work again in the starting three-man front; Steve Edwards (6-4½, 226) will come in during four downlineman situations. Harvey Childress (6-3, 225) is a key man at middle linebacker. Fellow sophomore Steve Ames (6-2, 210) probably will be next to him on the strong side. Noble Franklin (6-1, 179) returns at one corner, and the likely new safeties are Dan Wells (6-2½, 185) and Leroy Edwards (6-4, 197). The Beavers must play four of the Pac 10's better teams in a five-week period early in the season. Despite what Fertig feels is more maturity, plus a sound recruiting year, that probably will kill any hopes for real improvement this time around.

**WASHINGTON STATE**—Jim Walden believes not only that his Cougars can crawl out of the Pac 10 cellar but that they could win six games. Nothing wrong with thinking positively, but there are too many deficiencies to make Walden's assessment ring with any kind of realism. In the final seven games last season (all of them losses), his team gave up 242 points, while a Jack Thompson-led offense could produce just 142. The superstar Throwin' Samoan is gone now, too, along with most of his linemen—Mark Chandless, Tom Larsen, Mike Lemke and Gus Hobus—from a 3-7-1 team (only 1-7 in the conference).

With Thompson departed, Walden will install a veer offense, which will bring running backs Tali Ena (728 yards rushing in '78); Ray Williams (412), Mike Washington (363) and Harold Gillum more into the spotlight. There are also two touted freshmen—Al Bowens (6-0, 180) and Duane Davis (6-3, 205), son of ex-Green Bay star Willie Davis. The quarterback reins probably will pass to either red-shirt Samoa Samoa (6-3, 194) or reserve Steve Grant (6-1, 206). The receivers will include Bevan Maxey (6-4, 203), sidelined by injury last season; Mike Wilson (31 catches for 451 yards); Jim Whatley (27 for 426) and Paul Escalera, while Pat Beach (6-3, 229), Tom Spencer (6-3, 228) and Rick Hedlund (6-5, 232) are green but willing at tight end.

Up front, Allan Kennedy (6-7, 258) returns at a tackle, Gene Emerson (6-1, 219) at guard. Steve Jackson (6-2, 254) has experience at guard; reserves Steve Johnson (6-6, 255) and Scott Rogers (6-2, 224) could move up at tackle and center, although Walden likes the promise of Gary Richards (6-6, 236) and Ron Claudon (6-3, 216), too. Punting is in good shape with Tim Davey (41.1 average); placekicking is suspect without Paul Watson.

There are nine men (all but George Yarno and Randal Simmons) back from that shaky, injury-decimated defense. They are ends Mel Sanders (6-2, 217) and Tom Thompson (6-1, 210), tackle Greg Porter (6-3, 231), noseguard Brian Fones (6-0, 221),

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linebackers Sam Busch (6-1, 190) and Raleigh Fletcher (5-11, 213) and backs Jeff Files (6-1, 182), Mike Snow (6-1, 192) and Bob Gregor (6-2, 183). Fletcher is the pick of the crop. He led the team with 110 tackles. Sanders was No. 2, with 80. Transfer Dave Schneider (6-5, 235) has a big chance to help at tackle; transfers Greg Gahee (6-1, 198) and Hugh Parker (5-10, 183) might be major additions in the secondary.

"I don't think we're ready to challenge the powers of the conference yet," Walden says, "but we should have an excellent offense again, and we'll have quality kids—and more strength—on defense. The schedule is tougher than last year, however, including a three-straight October run against USC, UCLA and Arizona State. Major improvement thus would be a major surprise.

### PACIFIC COAST AA

**UTAH STATE**—Some problems in the offensive line and defensive secondary and Nebraska and Arizona State on the schedule rather than Idaho State and Wyoming. That's enough to cause Bruce Snyder, coach of the PCAA co-champion Aggies, to lose at least a mite of sleep. Snyder's teams have progressed through 3-8, 4-7 and 7-4 seasons, however, and he thinks this year's club could be his best, even if the schedule isn't. Offensively, there are quarterback Eric Hipple (2088 yards passing) and tailback Rick Parros (966 yards rushing in what was considered an "off" year) to build around. Fine kickers Steve Steinke (18 field goals) and Guy McClure (43-yard punting average) are back, too, but return specialist Jimmy Bryant is gone. The offensive key may be who Snyder can find to help guard Mike French (6-2, 237). Possibilities include four large transfers—Craig Rigsbee (6-5, 255); Rob Smith (6-4, 245), Scott Sty (6-7, 265) and Steve Vanderbrink (6-3, 237).

Defensively, the man is Rulon (Too Tough) Jones, all 6-7 and 255 pounds of him. Jones, despite his size, runs a 4.7 40. "He'll scare you to death," says Snyder. Returning with Jones are nose guard Kelly Kirwan (6-2, 255), inside linebacker Elwood Threlfall (6-1, 217), outside linebacker Dave England (6-3, 228) and cornerbacks Donnie Henderson (5-11, 190) and Larry Hogue (5-9, 174). But safeties Dave Parkin and Scott Tillotson must be replaced, and depth could be troublesome. Al Salvo (6-1, 187) should move in at one spot, transfer Chuck Gangnuss (6-3, 200) has a shot at the other. Snyder thinks he recruited well all around, and there are 34 lettermen.

**SAN JOSE STATE**—A 7-5 record and a PCAA co-championship weren't enough to save Lynn Stiles' job, so he's off to become a pro assistant, and Jack Elway, formerly of Cal State Northridge, is in as the Spartans' head coach. He forecasts an "exciting" season, even though his team draws four Pac 10 teams in non-conference play. All-America quarterback candidate Ed Luther (6-3, 205), who threw for 17.1 completions per game, fourth best in the nation, is the top man of eight returning offensive starters. He'll be working with his five leading receivers again, including Rick Parma (374 yards in catches),

Stacey Bailey and Stan Webster (also a star punt returner), and running back Jewell Thomas (644 yards rushing), although thousand-yard gainer Kevin Cole is gone. All-league pick Max Hooper (6-4, 260) and Pete Angelidakis (6-3, 242) lead the offensive line, and transfer Art Bacci (6-2, 240) should help.

All-America linebacker Frank Manumaleuna may be irreplaceable but cornerback Steve Hines (5-10, 170) has all-star talent, and three other defensive starters return. Jeff Schweiger (6-4, 215) and Lowell Thomas (6-1, 220) are solid linebackers. Transfer Rick Kinkaid (6-4, 245) and freshman Jeff Mitchell (6-5, 245) may figure in the defensive line; transfers George Glass, Gary McCredie and Gary Walker and frosh Tim Makela in the secondary. Placekicker Hugh Williamson (44 points) and punter Frank Ratto both are back. The early schedule is brutal, but if the Spartans can survive that, a league championship certainly would appear within range. And that would, indeed, be "exciting."

**LONG BEACH ST.**—Despite a good passing game that beat PCAA champ Utah State and San Diego State, Dave Currey's 49ers were only 5-6, and need a better defense. Eight starters return there, including all four secondary people—All-Coast candidate Keith Brown (5-10, 170), Scotty Byers (5-11, 167), Ervin Cobbs (6-1, 176) and Dennis Cole (6-1, 185). JC transfers, led by highly-sought tackle Ben Rudolph (6-6, 260) and Dave Doniak (6-3, 220), should help returnees like Keith Ward (6-4, 225) and Mark Posthumus (6-2, 225) in the line. The linebacking looks good, with two-time all-PCAA Mark Fata (5-11, 225), Glenn Peterson (6-0, 215) and Kim Thomas (6-3, 205) back and transfers Mike Musso (6-0, 215) and Bill Mitchell (6-1, 210) coming in.

The offense begins with senior quarterback Paul McGaffigan (6-2, 185), a strong leader who threw for 2165 yards. Redshirt Kevin Starkey is a good backup. Currey still is concerned about his running backs but Ron Settles (5-11, 180) has potential if he's healthy; and Dan Duddridge (6-1, 185) was a JC All-America. The chief receivers are Henry Williams (25 catches for 336 yards) and tight end Steve Adams (6-3, 220) but reserves Henry Williams and Ron Johnson have intriguing promise. Tackles Herman Parker (6-3, 265) and Jay Caffey (6-5, 255), back after a leg injury, are the keys in the offensive line. Newcomers Tim Bienek (6-0, 215), Mike Bickers (6-4, 230), Carl Allen (6-4, 240), Marcus Watts (6-4, 260) and Art Moore (6-2, 250) might figure. Kicking game should be excellent with punter Roger Lockie and placekicker Ralph Petrosian.

**PACIFIC**—Bob Toledo has arrived from the USC staff to replace Chester Caddas, but he left his Trojan playbook behind, apparently. The Tigers, a sad-sack 4-8 in 1978, will be running out of a multiple pro set offense, rather than the I-formation. Toledo's problem is finding the man to run it. There's precious little experience at quarterback, so Claudio Cipolla (6-1, 185), who threw for 2084 yards at College of San Mateo, may get first try in replacing star Bruce





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The defensive strength is at linebacker, providing Brad Vassar (6-2, 225), Bill Nunes (6-3, 230) and Sean Sullivan (6-1, 220) have recovered from leg injuries that sidelined them to team with Dallas Nelson (6-2, 225), Mike Merriweather (6-3, 205) and Jeff Bassett (6-3, 220). Vassar, when healthy, has All-America ability, and Nelson was outstanding last season (144 tackles and named defensive MVP). Jim Escobedo (6-3, 245), who returns after grade troubles, will help solve some line questions. Sophomore safety Stan Shibata (6-0, 175), an honorable-mention All-America, will need support from transfers like Jeff Tracy and Derek Blue in the secondary. Punter Roy Gaebel averaged 41 yards despite a broken bone in his kicking foot.

**CAL ST. FULLERTON**—The Titans won five of 12 games, their best showing since 1974, and pasted PCAA foes Long Beach State and Fresno State, but Jim Colletto may be looking for an offense this season. Gone are running backs Obie Graves (1789 yards, fourth highest in NCAA history) and Mike Martin (948 yards) and quarterback Dale Bunn, a fine veer operator. Colletto will look to three quick new runners—transfers John Rayford (1189 yards at Fresno City College), Mike Griffin (5-10, 170) and Ken Jackson (5-11, 205)—to replace Graves and Martin, and hopes former free safety Eric Bullock (5-11, 180) can take over for Bunn. There's little experience at wide receiver, either, but three top offensive linemen—tackle Jim Smith (6-3, 245), guard Mike McClinton (6-1, 225) and center Harris Burnett (6-3, 240)—return.

Colletto recruited 15 men to try to shore up a defense that gave up 5266 yards, 213 more than his fine offense produced. John Bungartz (6-3, 210) is an All-PCAA linebacker, and should have strong help from Ricardo Gallegos (6-2, 220), Clarence Irving (6-1, 230) and redshirt Kimo Igarta (6-1, 220). The end and down lineman candidates include transfers Steve Bird (6-2, 210), Ray Jackson (6-0, 205), Richard Aguilar (5-11, 220), Mike Rivera (6-1, 230), Joe Cameron (6-5, 235) and frosh Frank Jones, Mike Kennedy and Mike Walsh. All-PCAA Lucious Smith (5-10, 180) and two-year starter Emzie Massey (5-11, 190) return at cornerbacks; top recruit Mike Harris (6-3, 205) should take over at strong safety. Senior Mark Pollard is a capable placekicker. Aguilar probably will punt.

**FRESNO STATE**—The Bulldogs played poorly (3-8) for new head coach Bob Padilla last season and fell surprisingly into the conference cellar. Padilla has switched recruiting to a blend of freshman and JC players, will scrap the veer for a pro set offense and change his defense from a 4-4 to a 3-4. He hopes to get more out of quarterback Billy Yancy (only a 41

per cent passer in 1978), who will be helped by leading rusher Keith Gooch (531 yards) at tailback and Ted Torosian (489) at fullback. Steve Scully, Enis Gilbeau, Jerry Everette and James Terry should be at least adequate wide receivers; transfer Scott Scambray could be the new tight end. The offensive line loses much, but transfer Kent Slaton (6-5, 250) has great promise, and three guys named Johnson—Chris (6-1, 232), David (6-0, 232) and Steve—could play well. Kicker Vince Petrucci is a major loss.

The linebacking should be solid, with Joe Dructor (6-1, 202), Joe Rausch (6-0, 214) and Delmo Hooks (6-2, 226). All-conference Gary Hayes (5-9, 172) heads a veteran secondary that also includes Wendell Williams, Jeff Horton, Bob Zemanek (6-0, 190), David Joiner and Barry Jackson. This could be the Bulldogs' strongest area. There's concern in the defensive line, however, where the top man, Vince Sgantas (242) is coming off knee surgery that kept him sidelined all season. Much will depend on how returnee Mike Ryan (6-2, 235) and transfers Greg Stevens (6-0, 237), Jack Hayes (6-2, 236) and Mike Silvia (6-2, 236) perform. It probably will take Padilla more than a season to integrate all his new players and systems into a contender.

## INDEPENDENTS

**CAL LUTHERAN**—The Kingsmen have won nine games each of the last five seasons but the schedule is tougher this time. Bob Shoup will be working with 28 lettermen, including talented quarterback Dan Hartwig, wide receiver Mike Hagen (17 touchdowns), offensive line fixture Skip Reylea (6-0, 252), guard Paul Adams (6-2, 230) and fine defenders John Craviotto (6-1, 205) at linebacker and Steve Bogan (5-9, 175) in the secondary. The Kingsmen not only have been rated in top 10 of NCAA Division II all of the last five years, their winning percentage (77%) is the same as Notre Dame's.

**ST. MARY'S**—The Gaels had a big year (7-3, best record since 1968), and Dick Mannini expects similar results this time, with 51 returnees. Terry Cottle and Mark Drazba, who split time effectively at quarterback, will do it again, throwing to Craig Ward (25 catches). Dominic Pontrelli and Oliver Hillmon (5-10, 190), who also rushed for team-leading 779 yards. Building is needed in offensive line but a defense that was often crippled in 1978 looks good, thanks to lineman Dan Ross (6-2, 210); linebacker Mike Michalski (6-3, 200) and corner back Terry Dixon (6-4, 190).

**SANTA CLARA**—The still-young Broncos (only nine seniors) of veteran coach Pat Malley figure to be at least a little better than their 5-6 record of 1978. Center Jim Leonard, back after an injury, is strongman of greatly-improved offensive line, and Mike Heinrich and Dave Alfaro have promise at quarterback. Brian Sullivan is a superlative all-purpose kicker (40.2-yard average on punts; 10 of 13 field goals). Defense loses starting three down linemen and star linebacker Mike Gonzales. Mark Eastland



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NEIL LOMAX, Portland State quarterback, is considered to be the premier passer of the NCAA's Division I-AA.

and Tom Sheppard are fine backs; tackle Keith Wardell could be line leader.

**PORTLAND STATE**—A porous defense negated the Vikings' usual outstanding offense in 1978, and Darrell (Mouse) Davis' team finished 5-6. Plenty of offense returns in quarterback Neil Lomax (3506 yards passing); fullback Joel Sigel (725 yards rushing) and slotbacks Stu Gaussoin (41 catches), Ken Milosevich (38) and Robin Pflugrad (30), but top receiver John Urness and line depth are gone. A still-young defense will be led by junior end Ron Seawell (6-2, 225); sophomore tackle Fred Nordgren (6-0, 205) and junior strong safety Doug Rabe (6-2, 190), who had 91 tackles.

**AZUSA PACIFIC**—Maturity of sophomores Greg Harrison, tailback who led NAIA in kickoff returns (37.7 average) and Paul Nath, wide receiver who caught 64 passes for 98-yard-per-game average and broke all school season records, should help Jim Milhon's club better a 3-6 record. Only eight players are gone from squad that included 21 freshmen. Other top players are wide receiver Michael Moore (49 catches for 673 yards); and linebackers Norman Slosted (6-2, 220) and Rick Massro (5-11, 195). Milhon's chief problem is solidifying a defense that surrendered 24.3 points a game.

**USIU**—School hopes to start a climb to the big time even without Sid Gillman, who came and went quickly as athletic director. New coach Tom Walsh, 29, takes over a team that was only 2-8 and faces an ungraded schedule and a switch from the NAIA to NCAA Division II. Transfer quarterback Mike Kennedy (6-3, 205) from Oregon should run a passing offense, throwing to team MVP Jason Dunn (6-1, 200). Other top returnees are offensive guard Nick Crouch (6-2, 275) and linebacker Jerry Cantwell (6-2, 220). But housecleaning has brought in many new players who seem to have promise.

### FAR WESTERN

**UC DAVIS**—The Aggies lost plenty from team that won ninth straight conference championship and has 28-game league winning streak going. Jim Sochor's

chief concern is his offense, where all the starting backs are gone except runner Ron Austin (444 yards). Among the missing is top quarterback Mike Moroski. Sub John Lucido probably will take over for him. There are three defensive vacancies up front but 280-pounder Tony Flores is back. All-conference linebackers Brian Buckley and Steve Clerici return, as do defensive backfield starters Jeff Allen, Andy San Juan and Melvin Byrd.

**CAL ST. HAYWARD**—A bristling defense has made Tim Tierney's Pioneers an increasingly good football team, and six starters from it return off an 8-2 team that was the best at the school since 1969. But Tierney must restructure his offense, which loses nine starters, including quarterback Chuck Stevenson. Top FWC rusher Ron Greene (765 yards) and all-conference center Don Dutton (6-2, 220) are back with four defensive aces—ends Mike Williams (6-5, 237) and Al Gouglarte (6-2, 225); middle linebacker John Locke (6-0, 190) and cornerback Frank Rogers (5-8, 160).

**HUMBOLDT STATE**—If Bud Van Deren gets enough help from freshmen and transfers in the offensive line and at running back, the Lumberjacks might mount a challenge to UC Davis. Most of the returning strength is on defense, where Steve Stanton 6-3, 240) returns at end and Steve Smith (5-11, 180) at cornerback, and redshirt linebacker Paul Dolcini (6-1, 210) comes aboard. Quarterback Joe Denbo, tackle John Thomas and wide receiver Jim Bruneaux are gone from an offense that includes all-conference tight end Doug Johnson (24 catches) and guard Gordon Stephens (6-2, 215).

**CHICO STATE**—If Dick Trimmer can uncover quarterback, his Wildcats should have an explosive offense. Back are the two top receivers, Dave Fernandez and Bob DeGraves, and they'll be joined by converted defensive back Charles Carter (4.4 speed in the 40). Returning running backs Dan Sweeney (5-5, 190); Anthony Lucas (6-6, 203) and Tim Murphy (6-2, 192) accounted for 703 yards rushing and 269 receiving. Decimated defense will build around linebacker Stanley Reese (6-6, 192). There are 23 lettermen missing, but fine recruits Brian Lisle, Todd Morelock and Dan Watson join team.

**SACRAMENTO STATE**—The Hornets weren't up to their schedule in 1978 and won just one of 10 games but Bob Mattos loses just five players and thinks he's building. Among the 65 returnees on offense are sophomore quarterbacks Ken O'Brien and Gary Hightower, who will run the veer behind center Brad McReynolds (6-1, 221); guard Jeff Glass (6-2, 231) and tackle Rick Callinsky (6-2, 230). Back on defense are all-conference nose guard Ken Harbuck (6-3, 270); linemen Gil Wilbon (6-3, 220) and Rick Lambdin (5-11, 195); linebacker Tim Wilson (6-1, 205) and safety Dave Smith, second team all-FWC.

**SAN FRANCISCO ST.**—Despite a 1-9 season (0-5 in conference play), the Gators do have some talent, in all-FWC running back Dan Priest (5-10, 165),



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who ran for more than 50 yards a game despite playing with two broken hands; wide receiver Carl Crews (34 catches for 593 yards); placekicker-punter Alan Dewart (39.4-yard average); linebackers Chuck Werk (6-0, 200); Joe Garrity (6-2, 218) and Dave McCreary (5-11, 195), and sophomore free safety Don Sutton (6-0, 172), who led the nation with 10 interceptions. But spring talk of a possible league title seemed notably over-optimistic.

### CALIFORNIA COLLEGIATE AA

**CAL POLY (S. L. Obispo)**—Joe Harper's Mustangs beat some of the big boys and made it to the NCAA Division II playoffs in a 7-3 1978 season and much of the firepower returns. That includes the "Excitement Twins"—tailback Louis Jackson (1131 yards rushing) and wide receiver Robbie Martin (21 catches for 485 yards; 14.1 a return on punts). Mike Daum (6-6, 240) is an outstanding lineman. On defense, the top names going in are linebacker Kevin Hardcastle (215); tackle Fred Razo (6-2, 225) and backs LeCharles McDaniel, Ralph Gallagher, Tim Hanifin and Chris Jones.

**CAL ST. NORTHRIDGE**—New coach Tom Keele will have just three starters back on offense as the Matadors (5-5) convert from a veer to a pro attack. Key man is transfer quarterback Rick Minyard, who will bid to replace two-year starter Paul Feuerborn. Offensive stars are guard Joe Homan (6-2, 225) and kicker Frank Friedmann (15 of 22 field goals to lead NCAA Division II). The defense is in better shape, with seven returnees, headed by small (5-9, 190), quick nose guard Scott Chase, who led team with 88 tackles. Early schedule break might give Keele's offense time to jell.

**CAL POLY (Pomona)**—Eight offensive starters return for Jim Jones' 3-7 Broncos, including tackle Greg Schammel (6-3, 255) and guard Mike Seymour (6-5, 260); quarterback Steve Stanley (303 yards rushing) and running back Cleveland Brewton (6.8-yard rushing average). Freshman Mike Clopton has a chance to unseat Stanley. Defense, particularly linebacking, is a question but back are MVP Jim Middleton, Rod McMillan and Henry Wilson in the secondary; Don Drake (6-4, 230) as nose guard and Ed Kelly (6-5, 235) at tackle. Transfers Terry Harrison, Malua Fale and Merton Van Fredenberg should help.

### SCIAC

**CLAREMONT-MUDD**—John Zinda's Stags, after years of struggling, are talking national-championship playoffs, and they just might get there, on the arm of quarterback Bob Farra, who led the country's Division III passers and hurled his team to a 6-3 record in 1978. Forty of 45 lettermen return, including receiver Don Chester (5-11, 175) and the entire line, led by guard Dick Smallwood and center Augie Nieto (6-0, 200) on offense, and three all-league players, tackle Dave Flatten (6-2, 220); linebacker Dan Reed and back Matt Kawamura from the

SCIAC's number-one defensive unit.

**REDLANDS**—Frank Serrao's Bulldogs won their sixth straight SCIAC title in '78, and were 8-1, but will have to scramble to do it again. There's optimism on offense, concern on defense, which has several holes. Top offensive prospects are running backs Tony Haertl (SCIAC-leading 956 yards as a freshman) and Don Fleming; split end Dave Selvy (27 catches) and linemen Mike Aloia, Kelley Thomas and Mark Hemmel. Defensive standouts are NAIA All-America safety Randy Blalock; rover Dan Kleckner; tackles Mike Remy (6-1, 220) and linebackers Paul James and Richard Rebenstorf.

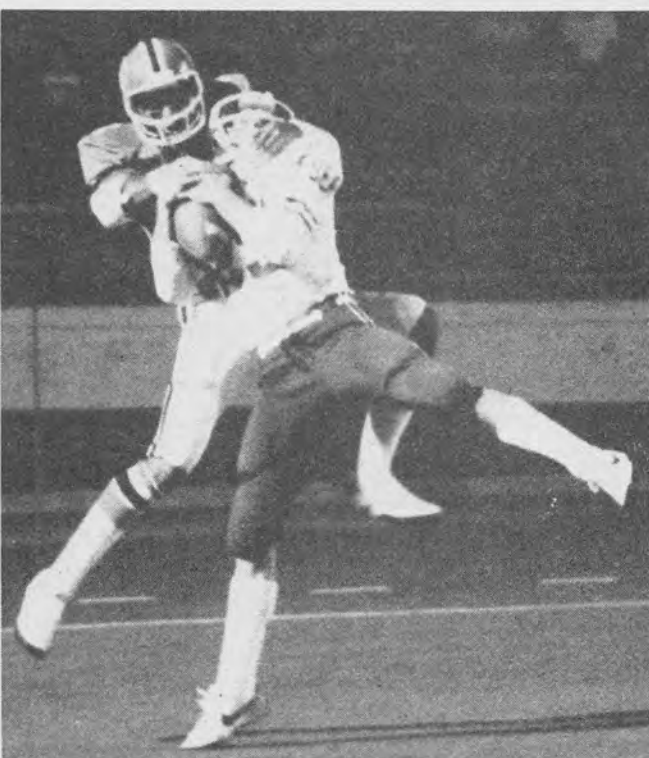
**WHITTIER**—The Poets, 6-3 in 1978, should be in the conference fight if they can find a quality quarterback and some good defensive backs. John Godfrey can call on four fine offensive players—tackles Dan Rodriguez (6-4, 220); who was both all-conference and all-district, and Jeff Smith (6-1, 240); running back Cliff Lewis (6-0, 180) and wide receiver Don Hodson (6-0, 175). All are seniors. On defense, there's two-time all-district middle guard Ted McCaslin (5-10, 235), still only a junior, and Alan Timonen (6-1, 195), plus newcomer tackles Dave McCoy and Mike Thomas.

**OCCIDENTAL**—New coach Lloyd Krumlauf, who succeeds Bill McQueary, takes over a 4-6 team that is without defensive stars William Jefferson and Tom Fry. But he'll be working with all-conference running back Kevin Houseman (77.2 yards per game); wide receiver Tim Bond (5-8, 160) and guard Louis Hook (5-10, 235) on offense; lineman Ted Bacon (6-0, 190) and Scott Behm (5-11, 190); linebacker Paul Steimel (6-1, 205) and back Mike Roberts (5-9, 175) on defense. Team speed should be greatly helped by three transfer trackmen—Bob Haimson, Andy Grinstead and Bill Dorvall.

**LA VERNE**—The Leopards' 1-7 record was the poorest in Roland Ortmyer's 31 seasons at the school, and both lines still are question marks. Strengths are in the offensive backfield, which has quarterback Mark Beaty (5-10, 170) and running back Dennis Worley (6-0, 165), a speedster who will move over from a slot position; in the defensive backfield, which returns all-district Bruce Hines (5-10, 175) at a safety spot, and Ron Levis (6-0, 170), at cornerback, and at linebacker, where Paul Martinez (5-10, 185) was second-team all-SCIAC as a freshman.

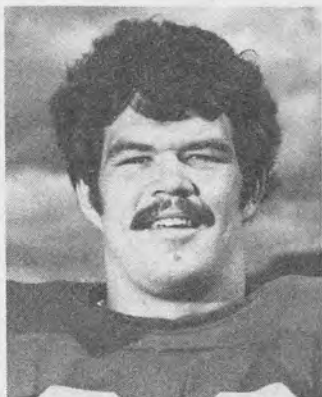
**POMONA-PITZER**—The Sagehens started mostly youngsters in 1978, and finished 1-7-1. Now there are 21 starters back among 34 lettermen, including three all-conference players—running back George Bushala, who gained 1010 yards; offensive tackle Jim McFadden (6-6, 232) and defensive tackle Alan Bergland (6-3, 226). Other standouts returning include tight end Wayne Bergland (6-2, 210); split end Craig Myatt (6-0, 182); guards Richard Groter (5-11, 205) and Matt Sullivan (6-1, 218); defensive lineman Pat Folan (6-3, 235); linebacker Chris Daniels (5-10, 195) and back Karl Krausman (6-0, 185).





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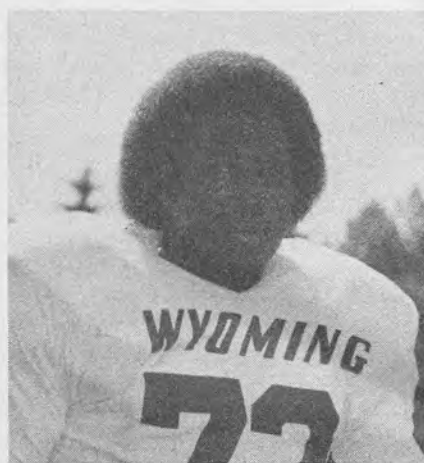
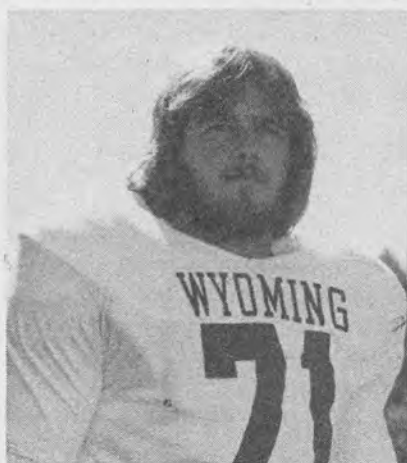
DEL RODGERS should help Utah ground game this season.



MARC WILSON, Brigham Young's QB, tossed for 32 TDs and for 3917 yards in the past two campaigns.



TOM BELL, 234-pounder, heads Maryland offensive line from guard spot in his third year as a starter.



VIC BAGINSKI, left, Wyoming tight end, caught seven passes for 144 yards last year. PAT OGRIN, center, 6-5, 252, and DON JESSIE, 6-2, 239, accounted for 161 stops in 1978 and are rated the best set of defensive tackles in WAC.



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#### Western Athletic Conference

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| 1. Brigham Young   | 6. Hawaii                 |
| 2. Utah            | 7. Colorado State         |
| 3. New Mexico      | 8. Texas-El Paso          |
| 4. Wyoming         | *9. Nevada-Las Vegas      |
| 5. San Diego State | *Eligible for WAC in 1980 |

#### Independents

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| 1. Air Force Academy | 2. Northern Colorado |
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Hawaii becomes a WAC member this year to bring the membership back to eight teams, but the addition of the Roaring Rainbows only adds to the usual lack of conformity in the race.

Oh, BYU, which has won outright or shared in the last three championships, remains a shaky favorite, with Utah, New Mexico and Wyoming rated as improved challengers.

But the long trip to Hawaii has the conference challengers worried. Hawaii plays at BYU and Texas-El Paso while Utah, Wyoming, Colorado State and New Mexico must play in Honolulu, and the coaches complain not only about this heavy home schedule, but also about the time lost in transportation the day before and after the Hawaii games.

Last year Hawaii beat New Mexico, Texas-El Paso and Wyoming in Honolulu while losing to BYU. To add to the confusion, Hawaii and San Diego State are not scheduled.

Among the independents, Air Force Academy boasts the only new coach in the area in Ken Hatfield, a former offensive coordinator on the staff of Bill Parcells.

The Falcons can provide a potent offense against a suicide schedule.

Utah, which handed BYU its lone WAC defeat enroute to an 8-3 season, and New Mexico, with the best returning squad, figure to challenge the Cougars, along with Wyoming.

But this is the wackiest of the WACKY-WAC seasons from the pre-season standpoint. Texas-El Paso and Colorado State are the only teams without fair chances at the title.

The conference boasts a fine crop of athletes for "all" consideration including Ryan Williams (DT) of the Air Force, Rod Crews (DE) of Nevada-Las Vegas, Gary Allen (TB) Hawaii, Eddie Forkerway

(DB) and Bubba Garcia (WR) of UTEP, Pat Ogrin (DT) of Wyoming, Mark Halda (QB) of San Diego State, Ricky Harr (DB) of Colorado State, Mike Forrest (LB) of New Mexico, Tom Bell (OG) and Mat Mendenhall (DE) of Brigham Young and Jeff Griffin (DB) of Utah.

Nevada-Las Vegas hopes to become a member of the WAC in 1980, pending approval of the Presidents' Council, which had ordered improved football facilities, Division I-A football scheduling and compliance with WAC and NCAA rules as guidelines for possible acceptance.

The stadium has been expanded and the Rebels had a 7-4 record in moving from Division II to I-A.

But there's still the legal aspects of the NCAA probation on the basketball recruiting violations standing between UN-LV and the WAC.

**BRIGHAM YOUNG**—Graduation hit BYU heavily, with 21 players who had won 47 varsity football letters missing from spring drills, and these were veterans who won the WAC crown in 1978 and shared the championship in 1977.

But LaVell Edwards, the winningest coach in the WAC (52-28-1), isn't crying. In fact, he believes the Cougars may be a bit improved this fall.

The defense appears to be a problem, but not to Edwards. Only four starters, headed by honors candidate Mat Mendenhall (6-6, 230), return.

Right tackle Doug Stromberg (6-3, 250) and the two cornerbacks—Bill Schoepflin and Dave Francis—are the other starters.

"We feel good about the defensive line because we have two good replacements for the seniors," Edwards explains. "Transfer Glen Titensor (UCLA) and redshirt Mike Morgan, both 6-4, 236-pounders, should pick up the slack."

While linebacking was hard hit by graduation, BYU still has veterans Gary Kama, Ed St. Pierre, Glen Redd and Danny Frazier back. Frazier is 6-5, weighs 221 and high jumps 6-9.

While BYU's passing offense generally ranks near the top nationally, Edwards credits the defense with winning the games and allowing BYU to use its high-risk offense. The defense was ninth in the nation in recovering opponents' fumbles last year with 28.

BYU opens the season with its alternating quarterbacks, Marc Wilson, who has thrown 32 touchdown passes in the last two years and Jim McMahon, although the latter missed the spring drills following



an operation and might be red-shirted.

Kent Tingey and Lloyd Jones are experienced receivers with Jones also holding the California prep and the WAC indoor hurdles titles.

BYU's running game never has been a strong point and its success depends on the condition of Scott Phillips, the fastest man on the squad, and Scott Reber, a fullback who has been under the knife twice for shoulder injuries.

Two transfers may help the running attack with Eric Lane, a relative of pro football's MacArthur Lane, and Homer Jones.

The Mormon Church missionary field returned tight end Lloyd Eldredge, kicker-center Dave Taylor, guard Niels Tidwell and line-backer-kicker Parry Winder.

Only a starting tackle is missing from the starting line, and Edwards can count on Scott Nielson at center, guards Tom Bell, an All-America candidate, and Danny Hansen and tackle Nick Eyre (6-5, 270).

The Cougars have a returning asset, too, in Doug Scovil, as offensive coordinator, after a year spent with the pros.

BYU went to a 9-4 season a year ago, losing to the Naval Academy (23-16) in the first Holiday Bowl in San Diego.

BYU returns a total of 30 lettermen and the winning tradition of a tough, aggressive defense, a fancy passing attack and a good field goal man in Taylor. McMahon and Brent Johnson (11 field goals) shared the kicking chores last year during Taylor's absence.

**UTAH**—In two seasons, coach Wayne Howard changed the Ute record from 3-8 to 8-3, including handing WAC champion BYU its only league loss (23-22), and he figures his 1979 team may be a little better overall.

Which means Utah will have a shot at the WAC championship if its quarterbacks and receivers develop and the front-liners receive no serious injuries.

Among its 42 lettermen returning are seven offensive starters and five defensive regulars, but Howard has no worries about the

defense—if the injuries stay away.

Finding replacements for Randy Gomez at quarterback and wide receivers Frank Henry and Roland Solomon are serious problems, but Howard also is concerned about the lack of a punter after having Rick Partridge among the nation's leaders for two years.

The kicking game is one-third of the complete football picture to Howard and the Utes stress the kick more than most. And they start the season without an established booter.

Jeff Hucko, the placekicker, wasn't that impressive last year, either.

Utah should have a better running game with Del (Popcorn) Rodgers coming back after a knee injury stopped him in the third game. As a frosh, Rodgers gained 297 yards in parts of the first three games. Tailbacks Tony Lindsay (803 yards), Robbie Richeson (406 yards) and Mel Fields will be challenged by Sam Baldwin, back from a Mormon Church mission.

The running is solid. Wide receivers Corey Hansen and Jim Teahan (29 receptions, 488 yards, three touchdowns) and tight ends Steve Folsom (23 catches, 342 yards, 5 touchdowns) and Doug Watson, the latter out with a knee in the opening game a year ago, are good, but experience is lacking at flanker.

Quarterbacking starts with Harlan Karnofsky, who was the starter most of the spring. Karnofsky has been around two years as a sub for Gomez. The change in offense was designed to help him as a runner.

Better passing comes from transfers Ricky Hardin, injured most of the spring, and Floyd Hodge, who can run and pass and may be No. 1 eventually.

The secondary is very strong, with most of the backs showing two years' experience. All-America hopeful Jeff Griffin is the leader of the defensive backs, but veterans include Forrest Henry, Vincent Brock, Derek Daniels, James Wilson, Tony Reed and Charlie Reid.

Griffin, who tied an NCAA record last year returning three interceptions for TDs, has been

clocked in 4.4, and Daniels and Wilson in 4.5 for the secondary. Tailback Rodgers, a soph, is a 4.5 sprinter, along with Lindsay and transfer quarterback Hodge.

Utah was 14th nationally in rushing defense last year, giving up 127.6 yards a game. Offensive starters in the line include Folsom at tight end, Denny Wagner at guard, Steve White at center and Rich Ayers and Randy Holloway at tackles. Dean Miraldi, Tim Davis, Scott Folsom, Darryl Haley, Wayne Jones, Gene Knickrehm and Elwin Worobec all lettered and started some games in the offensive line.

Frank Negrete moved from tackle to end on defense, paired with Frank Sheldon, injured much of last year. Gene LaRocque, Steve Clark, William Johnson and Matt Phelps are experienced down linemen, with Dan Clark at defensive end.

Linebacking is solid with Mark Padjen, Dan Clary, Bill Gompf, Steve Lobaugh, Tom Marsden and Kevin Robertson as lettermen.

The first month is crucial to the Utes, who open at home against Cal State-Long Beach, Howard's old school, and then play Hawaii, Washington and Tennessee on consecutive weeks on the road.

Of the probable contenders, Utah plays BYU, Colorado State and New Mexico, along with Hawaii, on the road.

**NEW MEXICO**—Coach Bill Mondt numbers eight starters on offense and seven defensive regulars among the 48 returning lettermen, which means the Lobos have to be rated a top challenger for the WAC title.

Unfortunately for the fans at Albuquerque, the Lobos have been in this pre-season spot before and haven't been in the title picture since 1964.

Injuries have killed the chances several times, but this year Mondt appears to have the necessary depth and experience to make a serious run at the Holiday Bowl berth which goes to the WAC champion.

The offense is led by Brad Wright, No. 5 in the nation in total offense with 219.5 a game and 17 touchdowns. Mike Carter at tail-



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back is a 9.4 sprinter who didn't  
get into action until the third  
game of his frosh season in 1978  
and wound up as the all-time  
frosh rushing leader at New  
Mexico.

Carter finished with 587 yards  
rushing and four touchdowns and  
caught nine passes for 104 yards.

Surprise this fall may see both  
the alternating tailbacks, Carter  
and Jimmy Sayers, in the same  
backfield. Sayers, a junior, rushed  
for 376 yards.

Mondt, with a 26-30-1 record for  
five years at New Mexico, indi-  
cated in the spring the Lobos  
would go for more passing, with  
split end Carl Foster, tight end  
Walt Arnold and flanker William  
Owens back as starters, and  
Wright to throw.

Also, both tailbacks can catch  
the ball and scamper.

New Mexico was third in the  
WAC at 3-3 and 7-5 overall a year  
ago.

Rounding out the offense, both  
the starting tackles, Lyn Wesley  
and Frank Gliddens, return, along  
with Dennis Spencer at guard.

Lobos counted on the punishing  
fullback Mike Williams for four  
years, and Jeffrey Perkins and  
Mark Williams are the lettermen  
replacements. With two tailbacks  
in action, the fullback spot may  
not be that important.

C. J. Jones, who sat out 1978  
with injuries, will challenge  
Wright for the quarterback spot.  
New Mexico has great speed, out-  
side the alternating backs, in  
Owens, Ricky Martin, Carl Foster,  
Larry Hogan, Dave Wyrick, An-  
drew Jones and Jerry Apodaca.

With so much in the way of  
skill positions returning, the Lo-  
bos went for the junior college  
athletes to shore up the muscle  
spots and wound up with Kevin  
Linam, a 6-3, 270-pounder who  
started at Georgia Tech and trans-  
ferred to junior college enroute to  
New Mexico.

Twelve of the prep and J.C.  
players signed in the spring were  
linemen with five junior college  
transfers signed for the offensive  
line.

Defensively, linebacker Mike  
Forrest heads the returning veter-  
ans. The All-America candidate,  
at 6-2 and 235, can do everything



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and will be a draft choice.

Daryl Bryson and Charlie Baker return as defensive end starters, with Mike Dickson at defensive tackle and Earl Templeton with Forrest at linebackers, and Bill Turner and Doug Smith at defensive backs.

**WYOMING**—The Cowboys proved a couple of points last year and now coach Bill Lewis feels he has a bonafide shot at BYU's hold on the championship.

Wyoming tied for second (4-2) with Utah in the WAC and the 5-7 overall record included three losses by a margin of five points or fewer and two more by a touch-down.

The Pokes also played a whale of a game at Texas before losing 17-3, and at Louisiana State before bowing 24-17.

On top of this, because of the late-fall weather threat in 7000-foot Laramie, Wyoming played its last six games on the road, with four losses.

Coach Lewis, starting his third season, credits his optimism on his best recruiting season, plus 32 lettermen, 10 transfers and 20 freshmen.

Although the obvious weaknesses are in the absence of experienced quarterbacks and running backs, plus linebackers, Lewis looks to five offensive starters and seven defensive regulars to form the nub of a competitive team.

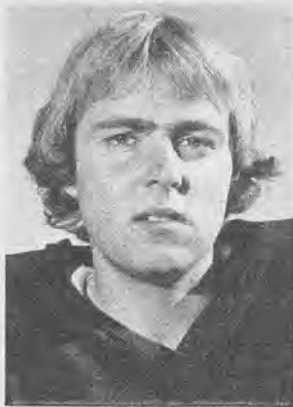
Despite the loss of two alternating senior quarterbacks, the Pokes rate this position as stronger, with six candidates battling for the three spots.

Phil Davis, a soph, scored three touchdowns against Texas-El Paso and led the attack on LSU. Greg Tucker, a J. C. transfer, and Craig Johnson, a redshirt, have the nod for the other QB slots.

Running back poses a serious problem, with the top four rushers graduated. Only Phil Davis and Chico Johnson carried more than 20 times last season. Tony Caldwell, who missed last season after knee surgery, re-injured his knee and is a question.

Five newcomers will have to carry the rushing load for Wyoming.

The offensive line appears



**MARK HALDA**, brilliant QB for San Diego State, ranked third nationally, making 2262 yards in air and hitting 57.3 percent.

**PETE INGE**, 6-foot, 275-pound guard, earned All-WAC honors last year while making huge holes for Aztecs rushing game.



stronger than in several years. Starters Mike Shaft and Mitch Kunce, 230-pound guards, and tackle Scott Winfield, plus frequent starter John Patton and Tom Dragt, a starter two years ago, give good experience and depth with transfers Jeff Pace and Greg Taylor.

Starter Vic Baginski (6-4, 220), is back at the tight end, and the receiving corps lists four of the top five back, headed by flanker Danny Pittman, Adonis Jones and Ken Lett.

Reggie Fowler will challenge Baginski for a starting spot.

The center may come from transfers Pace (6-3, 222) or Greg Taylor (6-1, 242).

Helmut Wise and Guy Frazier (6-2, 212) (the best athlete on the squad) lead the defensive ends. Don Jessie (6-2, 239) and Pat Ogrin (6-5, 252) may be one of the better tackle tandems in college football. Both accounted for 100 tackles and 40 assists. Saunders Montague, Michael Dennis and Ken Jones are defensive backs who started last year.

The rebuilding linebacker corps will be led by Bob Leitelt and Chuck Wilson.

Wyoming's spring drills were

hampered by a rash of injuries, which hurt the club a year ago, except in the line.

**SAN DIEGO STATE**—Western Athletic Conference football came as something of a shock to Aztec fans last year, and San Diego State suffered its first losing season since 1960 while finishing tied for fifth in its new league.

The Aztecs had a 17-year record of 149-27-4 and saw that blemished with a 4-7 record. And coach Claude Gilbert, who had been on the losing end of only eight games the previous five years, had to be shocked a bit, especially when winless Texas-El Paso upset the Aztecs 31-24 in their WAC debut.

The picture might be considered gloomy for their second year in the WAC, with only four starters on offense and four on defense returning.

But coach Gilbert admitted in the spring, "Our losing record actually helped our recruiting. Many players took this opportunity to get a chance to start immediately. We are absolutely delighted with the people we got."

Recruiting is so vital to the Aztecs, who stress heavily the



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transfers from the junior college ranks. For example, the spring recruiting showed only seven incoming freshmen but 27 transfers.

Another factor which makes analyzing the Aztecs difficult is the injury jinx which decimated the squad at times last year.

Prior to one game last year, 28 of the team's top 44 players were listed as "questionable" for the game.

This made for another cloudy picture because with the injuries, a lot more people than usual saw game action.

"Because of the injuries, we have more experience returning to this team than we're used to. We may not have the starters, but we have nearly everyone who played, and played a lot, behind them," Gilbert explains.

The offensive bright spot is quarterback Mark Halda, who led his team to 384 yards a game in total offense. He was the No. 3 passer in the nation with 2262 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Steve Stapler returns as a top receiver (35 catches, 490 yards, four touchdowns) and the two lettermen starters in the offensive line are Pete Inge and Kevin Fidel, at guard and tackle. Inge, an All-America prospect, is rated the premier offensive lineman in the WAC, at 6-0 and 275 pounds, while Fidel is 6-3 and 245.

Again, the starters are deceptive since 18 of the alternate 22 return this year and the 1979 recruiting class is labeled as "the best" by Gilbert in his six seasons.

Last year the two top tailbacks, Marcus Jennings and Cal Ray Anderson, were on the injured list more than the playing field, and this holds the fate of the Aztecs this fall.

The defensive line will be all new, with Randy Mastin (6-2, 225) back as a nose tackle starter, along with linebackers Scott Carter, Bob Levine and Alan Sinclair.

Jim Wilks (6-5, 235), a former JUCO All-America end, and Bob Epps at nose tackle should help the defense.

Carter ranks as a pro prospect at 6-5 and 215. But, again, because of injuries, nine players lettered at linebacker last year.

All the deep backs will be new, although Terrell Ward, a starter in 1977 who missed last year with injuries, has experience.

The passing game is so vital to the Aztecs and tight end Donnie Glenn, an alternate starter, replaces leading receiver Don Warren. Rookies include Darius Durham, 6-3, 200-pound freshman, rated the finest ever signed by SDS. List includes two jaycees, another frosh and several red-shirts.

Gilbert summarizes, "Most of our positions are wide open, but we have a good combination of experience and new talent. I feel pretty good about our situation."

**HAWAII**—The Roaring Rainbows join the WAC this fall and wind up with four conference games at home out of the six.

In joining the WAC, Hawaii agreed to compensate the conference members for the travel expense involved, but no coach likes the idea of the time and travel involved.

Hawaii warmed up for the WAC last year with a 6-5 season, giving coach Dick Tomey a two-year record of 11-11. Last year the Rainbows beat New Mexico, UTEP and Wyoming of the WAC, all in Honolulu, and lost there to Brigham Young.

Hawaii lost to Nebraska and Nevada-Las Vegas in its only two road games.

The road games for the conference teams are at Texas-El Paso and at BYU, and the home games involve Colorado State, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming, with San Diego State unscheduled.

Hawaii lost 19 lettermen, including 15 starters, from its rebuilding team of last year. The Rainbows also have accepted the WAC and NCAA transfer rule and have gone heavily for freshmen with 16, against 10 transfers and 44 returning lettermen.

Quarterback is the main worry with redshirt Mike Stennis and soph Verlon Redd with experience, although frosh Tim Lyons and Golden West J.C.'s Steve Rakhshani are expected to report.

Three wide receivers are back from starting roles, including seniors Wayne Black, Jeff Cabral

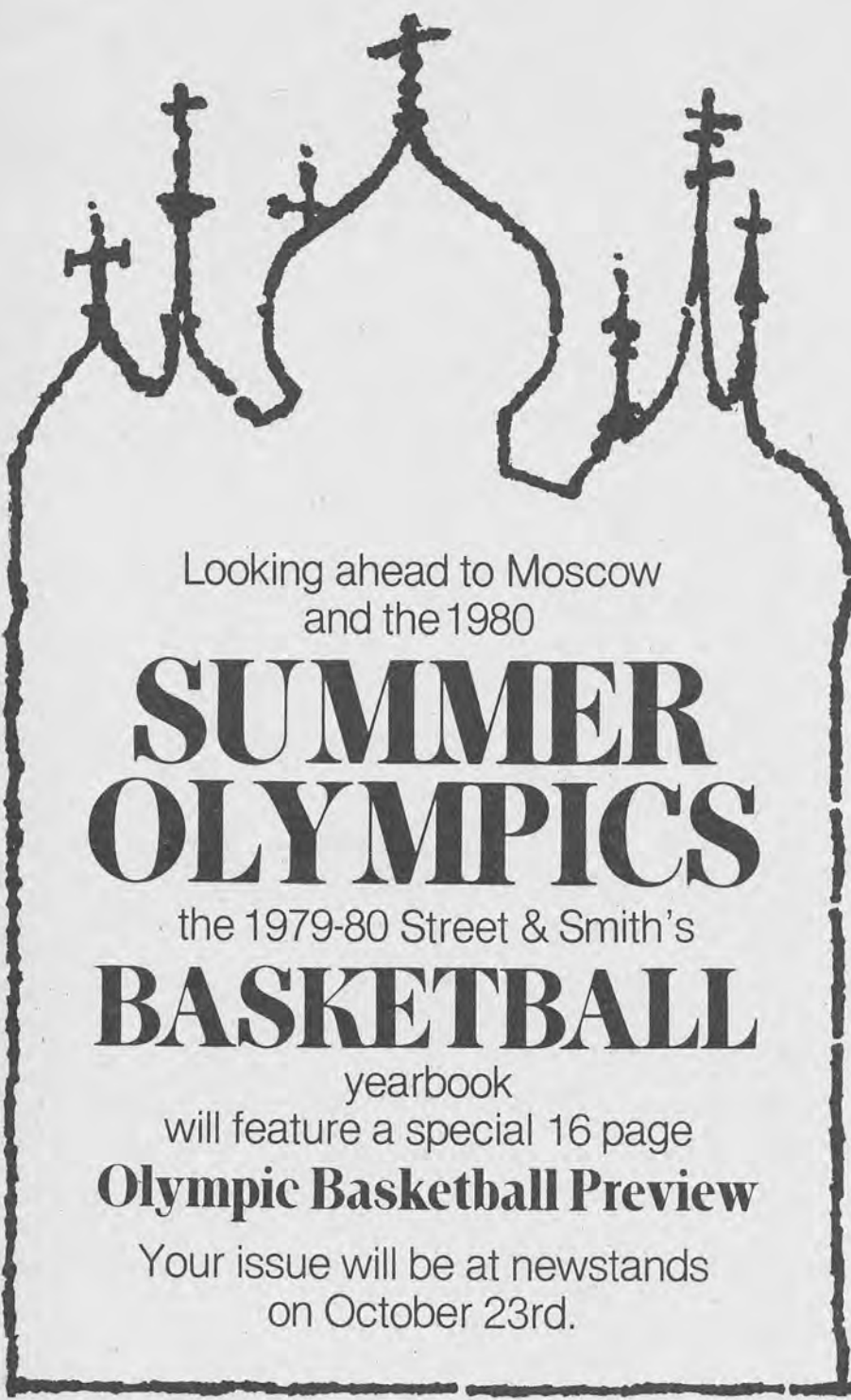


BLANE GAISON of Hawaii shifted from backup QB to free safety last year as soph and did a very solid job.

TOM TUINEI, Hawaii's standout defensive tackle, was hampered by an injury in the last half of '78 season.







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and DeWayne Jett. Keith Hill is a senior fullback, Jerry Scanlon is a 6-6, 245-pound senior tight end and Walt Guild started at offensive tackle and he's a 6-4, 250-pound senior.

The only underclassman on offensive unit who was a starter is All-America candidate Gary Allen, the soph tailback who averaged nearly 100 yards rushing in his last six games. Scanlon and Guild are coming back off injuries.

Interior offensive linemen include Keith Ah Yuen, Brent Cullinan, Beldon, Keaolha, Charles Todd and Eric Jibblits.

The secondary is strong with Burton Calona, Blaine Gaison, Keoni Jardine and Dana McLe-more back as starters. They totaled 155 tackles last year in addition to 79 assists.

Tom Tuinei (6-4, 250) and Tony Holyfield (6-3, 245) also return at tackles, Marcus Tarver (6-1, 220) at end and Junior Talaesea (6-1, 235) at linebacker.

Newcomers or squadmen Andy Moody, Ian Meyers, Doug Kyle and Jeff Bieller figure to play on the improving defensive unit.

**COLORADO STATE**—The Rams were picked by the experts to challenge for the WAC title a year ago and fell flat with six losses in the first eight games to finish 5-6 and tied for fifth in the WAC at 2-4.

This year should be a rebuilding year without the championship pressure and coach Sarkis Arslanian faces the task of reshaping both lines.

The offensive line must be rebuilt around starters Mike Lind at guard and Tom Formica at tackle, while the defensive unit, listing 10 returning starters, must find replacements for regulars Mike Bell and Dennis Freeman at defensive tackles and Kent Campbell and Dale Holcomb at the ends.

Of the defensive "starters" listed in the spring, only tackle Mike Carew and end Danny Pe-pock (6-5, 260) were bonafide starters.

Ricky Harr, at safety (74 tackles), leads the defensive backs. Harr, Dupree Branch, Donzell McDonald, Chris Parise and Charles Williams are senior backs.

Eric Woody is a senior linebacker, with underclassmen Kurt Fisk and Scott Watson.

The sobering point about the defense is that it gave up 22½ points a game last year.

Thirty-two lettermen return in what must be a pivotal year for coach Arslanian. As an indication of the crucial situation, CSU signed only one freshman in the spring and 17 transfers to get immediate experienced help.

Three of the prime losses were the Bells, Mike, the All-America defensive tackle; Mark E., the tight end, and Mark R., the wide receiver.

The returning backs, quarterback Keith Lee, running backs Larry Jones and Alvin Lewis and flanker-wide receiver Cecil Stockdale, are WAC caliber.

Of the 17 junior college transfers, 10 are on offense, but only four are interior linemen, and of the seven on defense, one is a defensive lineman.

The rushing returnees on offense accounted for more than 2000 yards last year, but that's the last of the optimistic statistics.

Pepock was a starter on offense as a frosh, but he'll move to defense. Mike Call figures to grasp a spot and the JC transfer, Andre Augustine, has to help.

The picture isn't all gloomy, with representative defensive backs and linebackers and a qualified backfield and receivers on offense.

But a lot of people, many of them newcomers, must come through for the Rams to be contenders. And they have to get a good start. Losing to Utah State in the closing minutes in the opener and then being bombed by traditional rivals BYU and Utah, gave the wrong momentum for 1978.

**TEXAS-EL PASO** — Coach Bill Michael continues his rebuilding program, but at least he's getting enough manpower so he can spot a few challengers for the starting positions as well as conduct a full-scale spring session.

The Miner squad is getting larger and with 27 freshmen and eight transfers to go with the 33 returning lettermen, UTEP can

start scaring people.

The crew had its one big moment in a 1-10 season last year when it handed San Diego State its first loss in its first WAC game, 31-24.

Two all-conference stalwarts are back to lead the offense and defense, in wide receiver Bubba Garcia and defensive back Eddie Forkerway.

Marshall Gordon, Conrad Soltero and Frank Jarzombek are back in the offensive line.

Mike McCall, a starter as a frosh two years ago, dropped out of school because of family problems, but he's back and will battle David Stone, who played at Texas Tech, for the open quarterback spot.

Willie Neal is the returning running back starter with letterman Homer Thompson pushing. But help will have to come from transfer James Copeland.

Transfers Roy Garlisch, Jarett Patton and Tony Cimino figure to help the offensive line, while Odell Pippin hopes to fill a gap on defense.

Curtis Stevenson joins Forkerway in the defensive secondary, while Rusty Merriweather and Larry Moore were starters at linebacker and Terrence Prevost and Don Rawls played tackle and Darrell Snead the defensive end.

The club will be very young, few in numbers and must play BYU, Wyoming, New Mexico, Utah and San Diego State on the road.

**NEVADA-LAS VEGAS**—One provision for WAC membership was upgrading the Rebel football schedule and coach Tony Knap moved from Division II to I-A in grand style with a 7-4 record in UN-LV's first year as a major in football.

It was an amazing year after losing the first three to win seven in a row before bowing to BYU in Japan to end the season.

The Rebels haven't been approved by the WAC Presidents' Council and won't be considered for another year, but the Running Rebels appear to have another good team, although not eligible for conference honors.

On the squad of 100 are 50 re-

turning lettermen, including six starters on offense and four on defense, as well as 13 junior college transfers and 18 frosh.

Again, the Rebels will feature a wide-open attack and Roy Shivers, former pro running back, has lined up 11 speedsters capable of at least equalling 4.6 in the 40.

Top among the runners are full-back Leon Walker and soph running back Michael Morton. Walker, a senior, had 922 yards in 130 carries and Morton 411 yards for a 5.5 average.

Doug Robertson, who threw for 1104 yards and seven touchdowns, heads the list of quarterbacks. In the offensive line, the Rebels return starters Dennis Opsal and Tim Hart at guards and Jack Concanon at center.

The four defensive starters are Craig Silverman (6-3, 244) at tackle, Ron Crews (6-3, 233) at end, George Sherwood at linebacker and Pat Cason at free safety.

Knap claims, "I am confident our program will continue to grow and we will get better and better each year."

Senior kicker Jim Gaetano has scored 116 points in two years.

Silverman, a three-year starter, has been the most consistent of the Rebel linemen, while Crews, who switched from Notre Dame, is rated a top pro prospect. He red-shirted after a knee operation.

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**AIR FORCE ACADEMY**—The Falcons begin a rebuilding year with a new head coach in Ken Hatfield and 24 lettermen and a schedule which makes it tough to be a winner.

Hatfield, who was offensive coordinator last year under Bill Parcells, moved up to the head spot when Parcells joined the New York Giants as linebacker coach.

This will be Hatfield's first head coaching job, although he has served as assistant at Army, Tennessee and Florida before joining Parcells at the Academy.

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line problems.

Of the 13 starters coming back from a 3-8 season, Hatfield has seven on offense, headed by senior quarterback Dave Ziebart and tailback Shelby Ball.

Ziebart, a three-year starter, is a threat to grab all the AFA total offense and passing records and Hatfield summarizes, "Dave is a fine leader. He likes to run but his best asset is his strong arm. And he is physically tough."

In three years he has rushed for 466 yards and passed for 3701, completing 306 of 656 with only 42 interceptions.

Ball, also a three-year letterman, led the Falcons in rushing with 720 yards and a 4.2-yard average.

Defensively, the top returnee is senior tackle Ryan Williams (6-3, 241), who was in on 120 tackles last year.

The kicking game looms important in the AFA battle plans and punter Scott Schafer and placekicker Jim Sturch ranked high nationally a year ago.

Schafer averaged 43.2 yards for 62 punts and Sturch converted on 16 of 26 field goals.

All starters in the secondary return, headed by Clay Rumph, who led in interceptions with three. Charles Shugg is back at free safety, senior Ken Dressel at left and soph Johnny Jackson at right cornerbacks.

Fullback Steve Drewnowski also is back as a 1979 starter to add experience to the offensive backs.

Bob Bledsoe lettered as a reserve flanker last year and Mike Fortson started several games at tailback, so the front-line offensive backs are solid.

The receiving corps was hurt by the graduation of flanker Steve Hoog and the transfer of split end Cormac Carney to UCLA, but tight end Tim Gulliver (6-4, 214) is back.

Offensive line starters back include all on the strong side—Jim Tubbs at center, Bruce Brown at strong guard, Pat Meagher at strong tackle and Gulliver at tight end.

Williams is the lone starter back from the defensive line. The starting linebackers also are gone, but

Bill Becker, Eric Nelson and Tod Anderson saw action there a year ago.

Overall, 24 of the top 44 players return from last year, and this always poses depth problems, especially if a rash of injuries hit.

The schedule picks up a little in toughness with Wisconsin and Illinois of the Big 10, Tulsa and Oregon, along with Vanderbilt, Georgia Tech and Kansas State, plus traditional rivals Army, Navy, Notre Dame and Colorado State.

None of the three teams beaten by the Falcons last year appear on the 1979 schedule, which is still too tough for a winner.

**NORTHERN COLORADO** — The Bears wound up with flossy passing statistics last year, but a rare losing record, and coach Bob Blasi (81-38-2) will sacrifice statistics for a few more victories this year.

Jeff Knapple led Division II passers last year and Mark McDaniel shared in the receiving title, but the Bears wound up 4-6, although second nationally in passing with 234.3 yards a game.

Despite the return of 32 lettermen, including seven starters on offense and eight on defense, coach Blasi must rebuild in key spots.

Replacing Knapple at quarterback will be Frank Boyce or Al Winslow. Veteran receivers include Rick Yager at split end and Dave Meyers at tight end, with Junior Larry Sage replacing McDaniel. Trackman William White may fit in as a receiver.

Mike Reilly returns as UNC's top ground gainer for the last two years with Ron Romero at fullback. Ken Garbe, the fastest back, is coming back from shoulder surgery.

Ron Peterson, who started as a freshman at both guard and center and senior tackle Ray Spencer are the top offensive linemen.

The defensive line veterans include Duane Hirsch, Todd Volkart, Ron Pratl, Steve Sheppard and Randy Poulos, with seniors Darwin Kiselech and Ed Markham at linebackers and starters Tony Davis, Kevin Phillips and Shawn Pinon in the secondary.

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## NEVADA-RENO SET TO CAPTURE BIG SKY TITLE WITH BOISE STATE INELIGIBLE

### PREDICTIONS

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Now, the football is no joking matter to be sure. The only side-splitters and gut-busters you're likely to hear on Saturday afternoons this fall will be on the field—the ouch-ouch variety rather than the ha-ha.

And should the season follow the down-to-the-wire scenario being plotted by the principals, the rough stuff will continue right up to Thanksgiving Day.

If everyone can keep a straight face.

You see, there's a tendency to water down the blocks and tackles with a few yuks. Recall, if you will, last year's week that was.

Northern Arizona, nearing its first Big Sky football title, prepares for a showdown with defending champ Boise State. The Broncos are hurting, having already lost two conference games. So coach Jim Criner, looking for any and all edges, sends an old buddy, Bob Rodrigo, to snoop illegally on an NAU practice.

Rodrigo poses as a scout for the Pittsburgh Steelers, but NAU coach Joe Salem smells a rat. Rodrigo is discovered as an imposter, Salem cries foul and Criner denies any involvement. The Lumberjacks eke out a 31-30 victory anyway.

The next week, Criner fesses up, admitting he knocked over the family piggy bank to pay Rodrigo's expenses. He says he's sorry.

Is he ever!

The Big Sky comes down hard on the Broncos—declaring them ineligible for the 1979 title and post-season playoffs, denying them any playoff and television revenues and taking away their right to receive game films from conference opponents.

And Criner, trying to play



JEFF MURI needs 86 points for new Montana State University kick record.

James Bond, winds up looking like Maxwell Smart . . . though folks in Boise aren't laughing.

Gaffes like that happen to the small potatoes as well as to Mr. Big. That same week, Idaho State must travel to Idaho to settle last place. But one of the Bengals' chartered planes konks out, and the team which journeyed all the way to Osaka, Japan, for its season opener can't even manage to make it upstate to Moscow by game time—and has to forfeit.

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been in the post-season playoffs.

Northern Arizona was by-passed last year, and if the Lumberjacks want a shot in '79, they'll have to get there without 11 starters and Salem, who succeeded Cal Stoll at Minnesota. New coach Dwain Painter is a former UCLA assistant (as is Criner).

Montana State must replace 14 starters—and second-year coach Sonny Lubick must make certain the Bobcats aren't caught as unprepared as they were in crucial losses to NAU and Montana.

Montana's returning talent may be the best in the Big Sky, though there are some question marks on offense—and doubts the Grizzlies can consistently win the big ones.

Weber State, Idaho and Idaho State are programs on the mend, full of young players with promise—the promise, that is, of making mistakes, but also of making life miserable for anyone daring to take them lightly.

And Boise State? The talent is there, again, but there's a catch.

Being ineligible for the title takes away a lot of motivation—but the Broncos will more likely look at it as having something to prove.

Just one more thing. Nevada-Reno.

The Wolf Pack makes its Big Sky debut, trading its slot in the West Coast Athletic Conference with Gonzaga, which always sat out the football dance. Reno most definitely plays football—11-0 last year until losing to Massachusetts in the Division I-AA playoffs.

UNR's success depends on how well coach Chris Ault replaces seven graduates on defense—and how well the Wolf Pack adjusts to life in the Big Sky, certainly more rugged week-to-week than the Western Washingtons and such Reno beat up on last season.

But certainly more fun, too.

**BOISE STATE**—Balance is what Criner brought to Boise when the Broncos won the Big Sky in 1977—but it didn't last.

The passing game that has tra-

ditionally kept Boise fans entertained produced just 133 yards a game last year, and the Broncos turned more and more to the lightning-bolt running of Cedric Minter, whose 1526 yards rushing set a conference record.

For the second straight year, a senior quarterback opted not to return, and the gap left by Hoskin Hogan will have to be filled by junior holdover Kevin McDonald or transfer Joe Aliotti, an All-America at Los Medanos JC.

Minter wasn't the only blue-chipper in the Bronco backfield, however. Fullback David Hughes was an All-Big Sky pick, and backup tailback Terry Zahner earned those honors two years ago. Both are juniors.

The arrival of transfers Kip Bedard and JC All-America Scott Newman at wide receiver will help restore the passing game, and there should be plenty of muscle in the offensive line to make it all go. Tackles Shawn Beaton (230) and Bob Markovich

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(6-3, 255) flank guard Bill Roberds (240) and five juco recruits, including 280-pound Darrell Holmes.

The defensive line, too, should be strong, thanks to returning seniors Doug Scott, Jeff Taylor and Willie Tufano, but three talented linebackers—including draft picks Willie Beamon and Larry Palowski—have departed, along with the entire starting secondary.

Transfers Ralph Esposito and Mike Holly and freshman Robin Juker appear to be the best of the linebacking newcomers joining starter Larry Lewis. In the secondary, safeties Curt Chandler and Rick Woods have starting experience and JC recruits Mike Bradeson, Ron Williams and Don Woolridge will help.

**NEVADA-RENO**—Lots of folks doubt the Wolf Pack will fare as well in the Big Sky as they did as an independent, but don't bet against Ault, who is 27-7 in his three years at Reno.

Certainly his new coaching brethren aren't poo-pooing his chances. "Just by their record last year, they must be considered the best," said one. "I don't care who you play, when you go 11-0, you must have a good football team."

Reno will score points, to be sure, returning nine starters from an offense that led I-AA in scoring and was second in total offense. Three reasons why: Running back Frank Hawkins (1445 yards, 17 TDs), quarterback Larry Worman (1702 yards, 17 TDs) and end Jeff Wright (44 catches, 823 yards, 11 TDs). And don't forget the nation's top kick-scorer, Fernando Serrano (13-23 FG).

On the line, tackle David Hann (6-4, 250) leads a handful of returnees, including center Tom Crowell and guard Rick Pettenger (6-4, 245). There are four returning tight ends, but watch out for JC catch Larry Thomas (6-4, 224).

Defensively, Reno was fourth in I-AA in '78, but just four starters are back: tackle Don Smerek (6-7, 240), linebackers Manny Rodriguez and Travis Harper and safety Lee Fobbs.

But Ault loaded up at the JC marketplace, and those figured to

help immediately are nose guard Dennis Puha (250), tackle Marco Geich (245), linebackers Mike Campbell and Kirk Harmon, cornerbacks Fred Cooper and Kevin Bailey and safety Aaron Graham.

Nick Pavich was I-AA's top punter last year with a 41.3 average, and with Serrano gives Reno the Big Sky's top kicking combination.

**MONTANA**—Looking good. The Grizzlies took some important steps last year, climbing into a tie for second and turning in big wins over Boise and Montana State (for the first time in seven years). With 17 starters back, this could be coach Gene Carlson's year.

Defense carried the Tips on many occasions in '78, and co-ordinator Pokey Allen said he would be disappointed if it isn't one of the dominant defenses in the league. "Only tackle Steve Fisher is a big loss."

Sam Martin (6-4, 220) was All-Big Sky at defensive end, and tackles Arnie Rigoni and Bret Barrick (6-5, 245) are solid. Kent Clausen (6-5, 235) was the league's top middle linebacker, but will need better support from Barry Sacks, Dave Gleason and Jim Hogan.

The Grizzly secondary is loaded with seniors, including cornerbacks Ed Cerkovnik and Scot Ferda and All-Big Sky safety Greg Dunn. Kelly Johnson and Jay Becker are also experienced hands.

Quarterback and wide receiver are the cloudy areas on offense, though part-time starter Bob Boyes appears to be the No. 1 thrower, ahead of redshirt Bart Andrus. Vern Kelly's graduation at end leaves Jim Hard (21 catches) as the only proven wide receiver.

Bruising Rocky Klever (6-3, 215) found a home at tailback in the MSU game, and will alternate there with speedy Bob Cerkovnik, while veteran Doug Egbert mans the fullback spot. Center Guy Bingham (6-3, 240) and tight end Allen Green (6-3, 225) were all-conference last year and are the only seniors on what still ranks as an experienced line.

One of the league's top finds

was placekicker Raul Allegre, who drilled 11 of 15 field goals.

**NORTHERN ARIZONA**—Salem left NAU with the program on solid ground, having gone 25-8 in his final three years—and Painter was apparently impressed. Though 10 starters graduated, the Lumberjacks recruited just five JC transfers, prepared to give last year's reserves and redshirts a try.

One juco player who will make things interesting is Brian Potter, an all-conference quarterback at Chaffey College. He'll battle senior Bill Holst, who had his problems last year, and junior Steve Loomis, who didn't play a down until leading NAU to its big win over Montana State.

But the Jacks are missing some important people—like running backs Allan Clark (1366 yards in '78) and Carl Golden (twice All-Big Sky) and wide receiver Tyrone Peterson.

Speed burners Ken Fraser (9.5-100) and Alphonse Curry (9.3) give NAU deep threats at end, but rushing punch must come from senior Bump Collins and juniors James Cobb, Ken McCormick and Willard Reeves. Rick Renzi and Jeff Canterbury anchor the line.

Two Snow College transfers, Robert Hardy and John Enslow, will have to shore up the defense, which lost some fine talent. Hardy is slated for All-America Jerry Lumpkin's linebacker spot, while Enslow will play in a secondary which lost three starters.

The Lumberjacks will be strongest up front, behind tackles Dan and Jim Anders, Mike Dohm and junior Ed Judie (6-3, 235), maybe the league's best defensive end. Versatile Phil Cancik is a fine linebacker. Sophomore Chuck Wilig is the secondary's lone returning starter.

**WEBER STATE**—Pete Riehlman has joined the "year-away" club, but even with just four seniors is convinced the Wildcats will be a factor in the Big Sky race.

"People who play us are going to know they've been in a game—defensively, that is," says the third-year coach, adding with a laugh, "Offensively, I'm not so sure."



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That's due to the wholesale loss of receivers, linemen and quarterbacks, leaving the Wildcats wiped out. Running back Scott Roth and tight end Curt Miller are being relocated at wide receiver and will be catching passes from the likes of sophomore Greg Davis and JC recruits Grady Hubbar and Bill Kelly, a strong-armed 6-4, 240 pounder who missed spring drills with knee problems.

Tailback Eric Hill (539 yards) and fullback Willie Glasper are back, running behind a line rebuilt with holdovers Keith Block (230), Rory Meyers (260) and Ron Spoon (6-3, 240) and newcomers Mike Sooter (6-2, 240) and Dale Rycraft (240). Rangy Dave Sebahar (6-5, 200) is the tight end.

Riehlman is raving over Weber's linebackers. All-leaguer Otto Ribary, Ray Franklin (6-3, 230) and local product Danny Rich are the top returnees, but they will be pressed by JC imports Art Hargrove and Bill Grilz: Three-year starter Mike McLeod has beefed up to 225 pounds and may be joined on the line by JC transfer Craig Ralston (6-4, 260) and freshman Greg Gorman (6-4, 235).

Three starters are gone from the Big Sky's best secondary against the pass, but Weber will be covered with 9.3 sprinter Bruce Perry and returnees Mitch Bogue, Elbert Gray and Phil Singleton.

**MONTANA STATE**—For a first-year head coach, Sonny Lubick had a little fun in 1978, riding along for a time atop I-AA. But the fun could stop in a hurry.

Though just four starters are lost off the offense, the losses are big—particularly quarterback Paul Dennehy, who made the Bobcats a winner. Tailback Delmar Jones (1172 yards) and All-America tackle Jon Borchardt are gone, too.

Dennehy's understudy, Don Walsh, a senior but still green, and freshman Barry Sullivan are the top QB candidates. Junior Britt Freeman is the best bet to join fullback Mike Doerfler in the starting backfield.

Seniors Mark McGrath and Jeff Muri (who doubles as placekick-

er) give MSU capable wide receivers, and Butch Damberger is one of the league's best tight ends, sharing all-conference honors last fall.

Senior Jay Daly, all-conference in '78, is the veteran on the line, but juniors Larry Rubens, Jay Jackman and Mike Ereaux all have starting experience.

The Cat defense was the league's shakiest at times and only two starters return, cornerback Mike McLeod and end Kevin Donovan.

Dan Meade, Tim McVicker and Les Sherill all saw considerable time up front, however, and Dave Semmelbeck and Jack Muhlbeier are old hands at linebacker. Stu Dodds is a veteran safety, but Lubick must develop depth throughout the defense.

**IDAHO**—Ah, the great indoors. Jerry Davitch's Vandals may not see the sun much this fall, playing eight games in domed stadia, but giving up their tans is a small sacrifice.

After years of trying to play a champagne schedule on a beer budget, Idaho has sworn off. Division-I foes accounted for five losses in the Vandals' 2-9 season of a year ago, but only Fresno State remains. To Davitch, who had trouble winning—indoors or out—as a rookie, that's good news indeed.

So is the return of nine defensive starters, providing they've learned their lessons after giving up 401 points last season. Veterans abound on the line, led by 6-7 senior tackles Mark McNeal (230) and Steve Parker (260) and end Chris Eads (6-4, 225).

Juniors Larry Barker and Kelly Grimes are returning starters at linebacker, but transfer Chris Brockman (6-3, 230) and Bob Cafferty (6-4, 220) will bid for starting spots. In the secondary, Ron Jessie, Mike Keogh and Ron Powell are regulars, but keep an eye on transfer Carlton McBride, who intercepted 11 passes at Mesa Community College.

The offensive line must be rebuilt behind Kyle Riddell (6-4, 270), the lone starter back. Seven JC linemen, including Steve Tatarian (240) and John Girnt (245), will help. Dan Meyer and

Mike Hagadone are experienced tight ends, but Jack Klein (25 catches) is the only veteran wide receiver.

Running back Terry Idler (523 yards) was the league's top newcomer last year, but four other returning backs have started, and so has senior Tim Lappano, on the mend from an injury. Last year's 1-2 quarterback punch of Jay Goodenbour and Mike McCurdy will be pressed by Rocky Tuttle, another two-year starter injured last fall.

**IDAHO STATE**—One word that wasn't in the Bengal vocabulary last year was "offense"—ISU was shut out three times, scored fewer than 100 points and averaged just 212 yards a game.

What to do? Develop an outside running attack, according to coach Bud Hake, "because it makes everything else go." And go the Bengals must if Hake hopes to improve on a 5-26 record in his two seasons at Pocatello.

Eddie McGill, who rushed for 801 yards in 1977, will be back at tailback after injuries kept him out last year. Ditto fullback Bruce Bachmeier, who's battling returnee Rick Lindblad and JC transfers Devon Higginbotham and Mike Dozier.

Quarterback Mick Spoon, who passed for 1200 yards in '78, is gone, but Dirk Koetter had a good spring and leads a host of spohomore signal-callers. The Bengals return a pair of all-conference players in Greg Smith (49 catches), the best of the receivers, and tackle Warren Whitaker (6-2, 240).

Starters Brett Helmandollar, Mike Allison and Bob Matsey give the Bengals an experience secondary, but there are question marks elsewhere. Jim Arbuckle, a nose guard last year, has been moved to linebacker, joining JC imports Ed White and Greg Feightner (6-2, 225). There isn't much depth up front, either, though seniors Mike Johnson and Marvin and Jack Lewis (6-3, 225) are solid.

Sophomore Case deBruyjn is the Big Sky's best all-purpose kicker, having led the league in punting last year (41.2).



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AKRON 6-5 Ohio		West. Illinois 19-33 ★ ★ U	Kent State ★ ★ U	Boise State ★ U	Indiana State ★ ★ F	North Iowa 39-28 ★ F	East Michigan 14-25 ★ U	Youngstown 27-7 ★ U	No. Michigan 27-7 ★ ★ F	Morehead State 14-26 F	Temple 17-16 U	East Illinois 17-16 U	
ALABAMA 10-1 Tuscaloosa			Georgia Tech F	Baylor (Birmingham) ★ F	Yanberbilt 51-28 ★ F	Wichita State ★ F	Florida 29-12 ★ F	Tennessee (Birmingham) 30-17 ★ F	Virginia Tech 39-0 ★ F	Mississippi State 35-14 ★ ★ F	Louisiana State 31-10 ★ ★ F	Miami (Fla.) ★ F	Auburn Dec. 1 Birmingham 34-16 ★ F
APPALACHIAN 7-4 Boone, N.C.		Wake Forest ★ U	Virginia Tech U	West. Carolina 39-13 ★ ★ U	Citadel 42-14 ★ U	Chattanooga 14-72 ★ U	YMI 31-10 ★ ★ F	Turnan 34-12 ★ T	East Tenn. 34-35 ★ F	East Carolina 8-33 ★ U	Wm. & Mary ★ T	Marshall 28-7 ★ ★ F	
ARIZONA 5-6 Tucson		Washington State (Spokane) 31-24 ★ ★ F	California 20-33 ★ ★ U	Texas Tech 29-41 ★ ★ U	San Jose State ★ ★ F		Oregon 24-3 ★ ★ F	Stanford ★ ★ U		Southern California ★ U	San Diego State ★ F	Oregon State 21-7 ★ ★ F	Arizona State 17-18 ★ ★ U
ARIZONA STATE 8-3 Tempe		California 35-21 ★ ★ F	Florida State (Tampa) ★ F	Toledo ★ F	Oregon State 44-22 ★ F		Washington 7-41 ★ ★ U	Washington State 26-31 ★ ★ F	Utah State ★ ★ F	Stanford 14-21 ★ U	UCLA ★ ★ F	West Virginia ★ ★ F	Arizona State 17-18 ★ ★ F
ARKANSAS 9-2 Fayetteville			Colorado State (Little Rock) ★ F	Oklahoma State 19-7 ★ F	Tulsa 21-13 ★ F	Texas Christian 42-8 ★ F	Texas Tech 49-7 ★ U	Texas (Little Rock) 21-28 ★ ★ U	Houston 9-20 ★ ★ U	Rice 37-7 ★ F	Baylor 27-14 ★ ★ F	Texas A&M 20-7 ★ U	Southern Mississippi 27-14 ★ U
ARKANSAS 7-4 Jonesboro		East Texas ★ ★ F	Northeast Louisiana 13-21 ★ U	Southern Illinois 28-24 ★ ★ F	Southwest Louisiana 16-6 ★ ★ F	Richmond ★ F	Louisiana Tech 10-24 ★ ★ U	McNeese State 6-3 ★ ★ F	Lamar 6-3 ★ ★ F	Arlington 27-7 ★ ★ F	Wyoming U	Southern Mississippi 6-21 U	Idaho State ★ U
ARLINGTON 5-6 Texas		West Texas State 10-18 ★ T	North Texas (Irving) 23-28 ★ U	Northwest Louisiana 30-7 ★ F	Texas Christian ★ U	McNeese State 20-17 ★ ★ F	Penn State ★ U	Baylor ★ U	Louisiana Tech 21-28 ★ U	Arkansas 7-27 ★ U	Southwest Louisiana 24-3 ★ ★ F	Lamar 37-17 ★ ★ F	Idaho State ★ U
ARMY 4-6-1 West Point, N.Y.			Connecticut ★ T	Stanford ★ U	North Carolina ★ U	Duke ★ U			Boston College 29-26 ★ F	Air Force Academy 28-14 F	Rutgers (E. Rutherford) 17-35 ★ U	Pittsburgh ★ U	Navv Dec. 1 (Philadelphia) 0-28 U
AUBURN 6-4-1 Alabama			Kansas State 45-32 ★ F	Southern Mississippi ★ F	Tennessee 29-10 ★ F	North Carolina State ★ U	Vanderbilt 49-7 ★ ★ F	Georgia Tech 10-24 ★ U	Bowling Green 39-14 ★ ★ F	East. Michigan 21-0 ★ ★ F	West. Michigan 20-14 ★ F	North. Illinois 31-13 ★ ★ F	Alabama (Birmingham) Dec. 1 16-34 ★ U
BALL STATE 10-1 Muncie, Ind.		Miami (O.) 38-14 ★ F	Toledo 20-0 ★ F	Kent State 27-3 ★ F	Southwestern Louisiana ★ F	Indiana State 7-0 ★ F	Illinois State 14-7 ★ F	Central Michigan 27-0 ★ ★ U					
BAYLOR 3-8 Waco, Tex.		Lamar ★ ★ F	Texas A&M 24-6 ★ ★ U	Alabama (Birmingham) ★ U	Texas Tech 9-27 ★ ★ U	Houston 18-20 ★ U	Southern Methodist 21-28 ★ ★ U	Idaho State 16-14 ★ ★ F	Idaho State 16-14 ★ ★ F	North Arizona 30-31 ★ ★ F	Nevada-Reno ★ F	Cal Poly Pomona 3-7 ★ F	Texas 38-14 ★ U
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BOSTON COLLEGE 0-11 Chestnut Hill, Mass.			Tennessee ★ ★ U	Villanova 16-28 ★ ★ F	Stanford ★ U	Pittsburgh 15-32 ★ U	West Virginia ★ U	Miami (Fla.) ★ U	Army 29-29 ★ U	Tulane 3-9 ★ U		Syracuse (Ithaca) 23-27 ★ U	Massachusetts 0-27 ★ ★ F
BOSTON UNIV. 6-4 Mass.		Maine 27-14 ★ F	N. Hampshire 15-5 ★ ★ F	N. Hampshire 15-5 ★ ★ F	Northeastern 25-24 ★ F	Harvard ★ U	Massachusetts 7-31 ★ U	Kings Point ★ F	Rhode Island 6-7 ★ ★ U	Holy Cross 15-7 ★ U	Connecticut 20-27 ★ ★ F	Bucknell 27-10 ★ F	Massachusetts 0-27 ★ ★ F
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GINGINNATI Ohio 5-6		Southern Mississippi 20-14	Southern Mississippi 20-14	Louisville 14-28	Villanova + F	North Carolina U	Pittsburgh U	Temple 13-16	Richmond 28-51	Florida State 21-26	Ohio Univ. 35-0	Miami (O.) 24-28	Memphis State 34-14
CITADEL Charleston, S.C. 5-6		Presbyterian 28-17	Navy 28-24	Vanderbilt 0-12	Appalachian 14-42	West Carolina 24-38	East Carolina U	VMI 14-3	Wofford 35-17	Marshall 41-0	Chattanooga + F	Furman 13-17	
CLEMSON Clemson, S.C. 10-1		Furman + F	Maryland 28-24	Georgia 0-12	Appalachian 14-42	Virginia 30-14	Virginia Tech 38-7	Duke 28-8	North Carolina 33-10	Wake Forest 51-6	North Carolina 13-9	Notre Dame U	South Carolina 41-23
COLGATE Hamilton, N.Y. 3-8			Wm. & Mary U	Lehigh 7-38	Cornell 12-21	Yale U	Holy Cross 14-27	Princeton 12-13	Columbia F	Lafayette 17-7	Bucknell 0-7	Delaware 29-38	
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COLORADO Fort Collins 5-6	Arizona + U		Arkansas (Little Rock) + U	Utah State 20-21	Wyoming 3-15	Yale 6-30	Tex. El Paso 30-29	San Diego 31-34	Alb. Force 31-13	Brig. Young 0-32	New Mexico 20-13	Las Vegas 16-33	Hawaii + F
COLUMBIA New York City 2-5-1			Lafayette 21-0	Harvard 21-19	Pennsylvania 13-31	Pennsylvania 13-31	Princeton + U	Yale 3-3	Colgate + U	Dartmouth 7-37	Cornell 14-35	Brown 12-24	
CONNECTICUT Storrs 4-7			Army T	Navy 0-30	Yale 17-23	N. Hampshire 17-23	Rutgers 0-10	Maine 49-1	Massachusetts 10-17	VMI U	Boston Univ. 27-20	Rhode Island 31-6	Holy Cross 10-20
CORNELL Ithaca, N.Y. 5-3-1			Pennsylvania 33-17	Colgate 21-22	Colgate 21-22	Rutgers 25-20	Harvard 13-21	Brown 13-21	Dartmouth + F	Yale 14-42	Columbia 35-14	Princeton 14-14	
DARTMOUTH Hanover, N.H. 6-3			N. Hampshire F	Princeton 28-21	N. Hampshire F	Holy Cross 0-35	Yale 19-24	Harvard 13-21	Cornell 14-7	Columbia 37-7	Brown 31-21	Pennsylvania 31-21	
DAVIDSON North Carolina 5-5		Catawba + F	Southwestern + F	Fafayette 17-12	Bucknell 20-21	Randolph- Macon	Lehigh 21-27	Hamden- Sydney	Gulford 35-42	Furman 14-56	Wofford 31-27		
DAYTON Ohio 9-1-1	Kings Point + F		Otterbein 47-0	Butler 31-6	James Madison + F	Ashtand 14-0	Evansville + F	Fordham 19-10	Liberty Bapt. 35-0	Ferris State 38-21	St. Norbert 27-14	Colgate 38-29	
DELAWARE Newark 8-3		Rhode Island 37-0	West Chester 56-0	Temple 7-38	Kings Point + F	Lehigh 17-27	Villanova 23-22	C.W. Post + F	Wm. & Mary + F	Maine 48-0	Youngstown F		
DRAKE Des Moines, Iowa 4-7	Indiana State 0-13		Temple 29-36	Colorado U	Louisville + F	N.E. Missouri + F	Long Beach 0-25	Wichita State 48-22	Maryland 0-27	Georgia Tech 23-10	Wake Forest + U	North Carolina 10-24	North Carolina 15-16
DUKE Durham, N.C. 4-7			East Carolina + U	South Carolina 10-12	Virginia 20-15	Army F	Richmond F	Clemson 8-28		Appalachian 35-8	Richmond 21-14	North Texas + F	William & Mary 20-3
EAST CAROLINA Greenville, N.C. 8-3	Western Carolina 14-8	North Carolina 13-29	Duke F	Wake Forest + F	Virginia 19-6	Western Carolina U	Citadel + F	North Carolina 10-14	North Carolina 38-22	Youngstown 24-40	Illinois State 42-7	Akron 16-17	
ELLINGHAM Charleston 9-2	South Dakota + F	Butler 42-3	Wayne State 34-14	Northeast Missouri 29-12	Southern Illinois U	Middle Tennessee 42-12	Western Kentucky 16-17	Murray State 24-21	Murray State 24-21	Tennessee 20-16	Jackson State + F	Morehead State 30-0	
EASTERN Kentucky 8-2		Kent State F	Troy State 10-16	Eastern Tennessee 49-6	Austin Peay 14-0	Illinois 17-12	Akron 25-14	Kent State + U	Illinois State + U	Rail State 0-21	Central Michigan 9-41	Western Michigan 0-32	
EASTERN Michigan 3-7	Ypsilanti F	Bowling Green 6-43	Ohio Univ. 22-23	Illinois State 13-14	Toledo 17-12	Northern Illinois + U	Colorado State 29-39	New Mexico 0-21	Hawaii 13-35	Auburn 31-7	Georgia (Jacksonville) 22-24	Kentucky 13-16	Florida State 21-38
EL PASO Texas 1-11	North Texas 0-49	Pacific + U	New Mexico State 32-35	Las Vegas 0-27	Brig. Young 0-44	Wyoming 21-51	Colorado State 29-39	New Mexico 0-21	Tulsa + F	Auburn 31-7	Southern U. (Miami) 16-12	Beth-Cookman (Tampa) 27-17	Beth-Cookman (Tampa) 27-17
FLORIDA Gainesville 4-7			Houston + U	Georgia Tech 13-17	Mississippi St. (Jackson) 34-0	Louisiana State 21-34	Alabama 12-23	Tennessee 21-24	Tuskegee 41-13	Alabama A&M 42-0	Southern U. (Miami) 16-12	Florida State 21-38	Florida State 21-38
FLORIDA A&M Tallahassee 10-1			Albany (Ga.) 21-7	Grambling 31-7	Howard 28-7	Miami (Fla.) + U	Morris Brown (Jacksonville) 56-0	Tennessee 21-24	Tuskegee 41-13	Alabama A&M 42-0	Southern U. (Miami) 16-12	Beth-Cookman (Tampa) 27-17	Beth-Cookman (Tampa) 27-17
FLORIDA STATE Tallahassee 8-1		Southern Mississippi 38-16	Arizona State (Tampa) + U	Miami (Fla.) 31-21	Virginia Tech 24-14	Louisville + F	Mississippi 27-55	San Jose State 16-26	U. of Pacific 7-27	Las Vegas 56-14	Fullerton 8-37	Utah State 22-45	Utah State 22-45
FRESNO STATE Calif. 3-8		Idaho 41-28	Montana State 14-35	San Diego State 14-31	Washington U	Cal Poly Obispo 12-24	San Jose State 16-26	Long Beach 42-41	U. of Pacific 7-27	Las Vegas 56-14	Fullerton 8-37	Utah State 22-45	Utah State 22-45
FURMAN Greenville, S.C. 8-3		Clemson U	Presbyterian 14-35	Chattanooga 9-13	East Tenn. 35-14	Wofford 36-12	Marshall 42-12	Appalachian State 52-34	VMI 7-27	Davidson 56-14	West Carolina 24-7	Chapel 17-13	
GEORGIA Athens 9-1-1			Wake Forest + F	Clemson 12-0	South Carolina 10-27	Mississippi 42-3	Louisiana State 24-17	Vanderbilt 31-10	Kentucky + F	Virginia + F	Florida (Jacksonville) 24-22	Auburn 22-23	Georgia Tech Dec. 1
GEORGIA TECH Atlanta 7-4		Alabama + U		Florida 17-13	Wm. & Mary + F	Notre Dame 21-38	Tennessee F	Auburn 24-10	Tulane 27-17	Duke 10-23	Air Force Academy 42-21	Navy + F	Georgia Dec. 1
GRAMBLING Louisiana 9-1-1		Morgan State (New York) 21-0	Alcorn State 21-13	Florida A&M 7-31	Prairie View 37-6	Tennessee State 16-11	Mississippi Valley 0-0	Jackson State 13-7	Texas Southern 22-16	Alabama State + F	South Carolina 10-15	Southern U. (New Orleans) 28-15	Southern U. (New Orleans) 28-15





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MEMPHIS STATE Tenn.		Mississippi St. 14-44	Mississippi 7-14	Wichita State 26-13	Texas A&M 0-58		Northeast Louisiana	Southern Mississippi 10-13	North Texas 24-41	Vanderbilt 35-14	Louisville 29-22	Florida State 0-0	Cincinnati 14-34
MIAMI Florida			Louisville 21-31	Florida State 21-31	Louisiana Tech	Florida A&M 0-0	San Diego St. 16-14	Boston College 0-0	Syracuse (Buffalo) 21-9	Penn State U		Alabama	Notre Dame (Tokyo) 0-20 D. I. Florida 22-21
MIAMI Ohio		Ball State 14-38	Kentucky U	Michigan State U	Central Michigan 18-37	Marshall 29-3	Ohio Univ. 31-16	Bowling Green 18-7	Toledo 28-7	Western Michigan 7-3	Kent State 38-13	Cincinnati 28-24	
MICHIGAN Ann Arbor		Northwestern 59-14	Notre Dame 28-14	Kansas U	California F	Michigan 15-24	Minnesota 42-10	Illinois 31-0	Indiana 0-0	Wisconsin 42-0	Purdue 24-6	Ohio State 14-3	
MICHIGAN East Lansing		Illinois 59-19	Oregon U	Miami (O.) U	Notre Dame 25-29	Michigan 24-15	Wisconsin 55-2	Purdue 14-21	Ohio State F	Northwestern 52-3	Minnesota 33-9	Iowa 42-7	
MINNESOTA Minneapolis		Ohio State 10-27	Ohio State U	Southern California U	Northwestern 38-14	Purdue 22-20	Michigan 10-42	Iowa 22-20	Illinois 24-6	Indiana 32-31	Michigan State 9-33	Wisconsin 10-48	
MISSISSIPPI University, Miss.		Memphis State (Jackson) 44-14	Memphis State (Jackson) 14-7	Mississippi (Jackson) 14-45	Southern Mississippi 16-13	Georgia 8-12	Kentucky 17-21	South Carolina 7-18	Vanderbilt 35-10	Louisiana (Jackson) 8-30	Tulane 13-3	Tennessee (Jackson) 17-41	Mississippi (Jackson) 27-7
MISSISSIPPI State Univ., Miss.		Memphis State (Jackson) 44-14	Memphis State (Jackson) 14-7	Mississippi (Jackson) 14-45	Southern Mississippi 16-13	Tennessee (Memphis) 34-21	Florida State 55-27	Marshall 17-22	Southern Mississippi 17-22	Alabama 14-35	Auburn 0-6	Louisiana State 16-14	Mississippi (Jackson) 27-7
MISSOURI Columbia		Northwestern 59-14	Notre Dame 28-14	Kansas U	California F	Michigan 15-24	Minnesota 42-10	Illinois 31-0	Indiana 0-0	Wisconsin 42-0	Purdue 24-6	Ohio State 14-3	
MONTANA Missoula		Illinois 45-3	Washington (Spokane) U	Mississippi (Jackson) 14-45	Texas U	Boise State 15-7	Idaho State 28-7	Idaho 30-34	Reno 0-0	Montana State 24-8	North Dakota 31-14	Portland State 16-27	
MONTANA Bozeman		North Dakota 21-13	Fresno State 35-14	Idaho State 23-12	Boise State 31-29	Weber State 27-7	Idaho State 28-7	Idaho 30-34	Reno 0-0	Montana State 24-8	North Dakota 31-14	Portland State 16-27	
MORGAN Baltimore, Md.		Grambling (New York) 0-21	Citadel U	Connecticut 30-0	Illinois U	Air Force Academy 37-8	Wm. & Mary (Norfolk) 9-0	Virginia 32-0	Pittsburgh 21-11	Notre Dame U	Syracuse 17-20	Georgia Tech U	Army (Philadelphia) 28-0
NAVY Annapolis, Md.		Utah State U	Utah State U	Iowa U	Penn State U	New Mexico State 25-11	Kansas 62-21	Oklahoma 22-43	Idaho 57-21	Montana 8-24	North Dakota 28-18	Howard 10-9	
NEBRASKA Lincoln		Wayne State U	Holy Cross 14-19	Boston Univ. 5-15	Dartmouth U	Connecticut 25-11	Maine 7-7	Lehigh U	North Carolina A&T 0-25	Virginia Union 10-6	Virginia State 20-6	Howard 10-9	
NEW HAMPSHIRE Durham		Oregon State U	Texas Tech 23-36	Hawaii 16-22	New Mexico 35-20	San Diego State 24-21	Las Vegas 24-0	Tex.-El Paso 21-0	Brigham Young 23-27	Utah 14-19	Springfield 50-38	Massachusetts 7-31	
NEW MEXICO Albuquerque		Drake 21-20	Texas Tech 23-36	Indiana State 14-9	New Mexico 20-35	Nebraska U	North Texas 21-22	Arlington 17-25	West Texas 33-31	West Texas 33-31	Tulsa 23-20	Southern Mississippi 39-13	Wyoming 19-10
NORTH CAROLINA Chapel Hill		South Carolina 24-22	Virginia 29-13	West Virginia 29-15	Wake Forest 34-29	Cincinnati U	Wake Forest 34-29	North Carolina 14-10	East Carolina 14-10	Maryland 20-21	Clemson 9-13	Virginia 38-20	Duke 16-15
NORTH CAROLINA Raleigh		East Carolina 29-13	Sacramento State U	South Dakota 19-30	Illinois State U	Augustana 14-43	Maryland 7-31	South Dakota 7-31	Clemson 9-13	South Carolina 22-13	Penn State 10-19	Duke 24-10	
NORTH DAKOTA Grand Forks		Portland State 42-14	Idaho 34-29	Montana 21-6	Idaho State 34-14	North Dakota 7-23	Weber State 10-0	Montana State 43-22	North Carolina 10-33	Omaha 35-22	Western Illinois U		
NORTHERN Flint		East Tennessee U	East Tennessee U	Western Michigan 30-44	Long Beach State 10-24	Eastern Michigan U	Central Michigan 7-34	Illinois State 49-21	Southern Illinois 14-13	South Dakota U	Toledo 16-35	Ball State 13-31	Ohio Univ. 23-14
NORTHERN De Kalb		North Dakota 14-42	North Dakota 14-42	Wayne State U	Western Illinois 14-14	Akron 28-39	Western Illinois 7-21	South Dakota State 9-10	Eastern Illinois 22-38	South Dakota U	Western Kentucky U		
NORTHERN Cedar Falls		Northwestern 18-20	Northwestern 18-20	Wayne State U	Western Illinois 14-14	Akron 28-39	Western Illinois 7-21	South Dakota State 9-10	Eastern Illinois 22-38	South Dakota U	Western Kentucky U		
NORTHERN Marquette		Northwestern 18-20	Northwestern 18-20	Wayne State U	Western Illinois 14-14	Akron 28-39	Western Illinois 7-21	South Dakota State 9-10	Eastern Illinois 22-38	South Dakota U	Western Kentucky U		
NORTH TEXAS Denon		Oklahoma State 12-7	Wyoming U	Southern Methodist U	Kansas U	Ohio State 0-0	New Mexico State 22-21	Indiana 10-38	Purdue 0-31	Michigan State U	Wisconsin 7-28	Illinois 0-0	
NORTHWESTERN Evanston, Ill.		Michigan 14-59	Michigan 14-59	Syracuse U	Michigan 14-59	Georgia Tech 38-21	Air Force Academy 38-15	Southern California 25-27	South Carolina U	Navy 27-7	Tennessee 31-14	Clemson U	Miami (Fla.) 20-0
NOTRE DAME Indiana		Syracuse U	Michigan 14-59	Washington State U	Purdue 10-6	Georgia Tech 38-21	Air Force Academy 38-15	Southern California 25-27	South Carolina U	Navy 27-7	Tennessee 31-14	Clemson U	Miami (Fla.) 20-0
OHIO STATE Columbus		Minnesota 27-10	Minnesota 27-10	Washington State U	Purdue 10-6	Georgia Tech 38-21	Air Force Academy 38-15	Southern California 25-27	South Carolina U	Navy 27-7	Tennessee 31-14	Clemson U	Miami (Fla.) 20-0
OHIO UNIV. Athens		Minnesota 27-10	Minnesota 27-10	Washington State U	Purdue 10-6	Georgia Tech 38-21	Air Force Academy 38-15	Southern California 25-27	South Carolina U	Navy 27-7	Tennessee 31-14	Clemson U	Miami (Fla.) 20-0



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OKLAHOMA 10-1 Norman			Iowa 7-10	Tulsa 7-10	Rice 66-7	Colorado 28-7	Texas (Dallas) 31-10	Kansas State 56-10	Iowa State 34-6	Oklahoma State 62-7	Kansas 17-16	Missouri 45-23	Nebraska 14-17
OKLAHOMA STATE Stillwater		North Texas 7-12	Wichita 10-20	Arkansas 7-19	Arkansas 66-7	South Carolina 28-7	Missouri 35-20	Nebraska 14-22	Kansas 21-7	Oklahoma 7-62	Colorado 24-20	Kansas State 7-18	Iowa State 15-28
OREGON Eugene		Colorado 7-24	Michigan 7-24	Washington 14-20	Purdue 22-44	California 18-21	Arizona 3-24	Air Force Academy	Washington State	Washington State	Stanford 21-7	UCLA 21-23	Oregon State 24-3
OREGON STATE Corvallis		New Mexico 7-24	Southern California	Kansas State 7-38	Arizona 22-44	Washington 0-34	California 3-24	San Jose State	Fresno State 27-7	Washington State	San Jose State 31-33	Arizona 7-21	Oregon 3-24
PACIFIC U. of Stockton, Calif.		Tex.-El Paso 7-24	C.P. Ohio	Idaho 7-38	Fullerton 35-17	Iowa State 0-34	Southwest Louisiana	Utah State 14-40	Fresno State 27-7	Washington State	San Jose State 31-33	Arizona 7-21	Oregon 3-24
PENN. STATE Univ. Park			Rutgers 20-10	Texas A&M 7-38	Nebraska 35-17	Maryland 27-3	Army 13-0	Syracuse 45-15	West Virginia 49-21	Miami (Fla.) 14-0	North Carolina 19-10	Temple 10-7	Pittsburgh 17-10
PENN. STATE Philadelphia			Kansas 20-10	Texas A&M 7-38	Nebraska 35-17	Maryland 27-3	Army 13-0	Syracuse 45-15	West Virginia 49-21	Miami (Fla.) 14-0	North Carolina 19-10	Temple 10-7	Pittsburgh 17-10
PITTSBURGH Pittsburgh			Kansas 20-10	Texas A&M 7-38	Nebraska 35-17	Maryland 27-3	Army 13-0	Syracuse 45-15	West Virginia 49-21	Miami (Fla.) 14-0	North Carolina 19-10	Temple 10-7	Pittsburgh 17-10
PRINCETON New Jersey			Kansas 20-10	Texas A&M 7-38	Nebraska 35-17	Maryland 27-3	Army 13-0	Syracuse 45-15	West Virginia 49-21	Miami (Fla.) 14-0	North Carolina 19-10	Temple 10-7	Pittsburgh 17-10
PURDUE Lafayette, Ind.			Kansas 20-10	Texas A&M 7-38	Nebraska 35-17	Maryland 27-3	Army 13-0	Syracuse 45-15	West Virginia 49-21	Miami (Fla.) 14-0	North Carolina 19-10	Temple 10-7	Pittsburgh 17-10
RHODE ISLAND Providence			Kansas 20-10	Texas A&M 7-38	Nebraska 35-17	Maryland 27-3	Army 13-0	Syracuse 45-15	West Virginia 49-21	Miami (Fla.) 14-0	North Carolina 19-10	Temple 10-7	Pittsburgh 17-10
RICE Houston, Tex.			Kansas 20-10	Texas A&M 7-38	Nebraska 35-17	Maryland 27-3	Army 13-0	Syracuse 45-15	West Virginia 49-21	Miami (Fla.) 14-0	North Carolina 19-10	Temple 10-7	Pittsburgh 17-10
RICHMOND Richmond			Kansas 20-10	Texas A&M 7-38	Nebraska 35-17	Maryland 27-3	Army 13-0	Syracuse 45-15	West Virginia 49-21	Miami (Fla.) 14-0	North Carolina 19-10	Temple 10-7	Pittsburgh 17-10
RUTGERS New Brunswick, N.J.			Kansas 20-10	Texas A&M 7-38	Nebraska 35-17	Maryland 27-3	Army 13-0	Syracuse 45-15	West Virginia 49-21	Miami (Fla.) 14-0	North Carolina 19-10	Temple 10-7	Pittsburgh 17-10
SAN DIEGO San Diego			Kansas 20-10	Texas A&M 7-38	Nebraska 35-17	Maryland 27-3	Army 13-0	Syracuse 45-15	West Virginia 49-21	Miami (Fla.) 14-0	North Carolina 19-10	Temple 10-7	Pittsburgh 17-10
SOUTH CAROLINA Columbia			Kansas 20-10	Texas A&M 7-38	Nebraska 35-17	Maryland 27-3	Army 13-0	Syracuse 45-15	West Virginia 49-21	Miami (Fla.) 14-0	North Carolina 19-10	Temple 10-7	Pittsburgh 17-10
SOUTH DAKOTA Vermillion			Kansas 20-10	Texas A&M 7-38	Nebraska 35-17	Maryland 27-3	Army 13-0	Syracuse 45-15	West Virginia 49-21	Miami (Fla.) 14-0	North Carolina 19-10	Temple 10-7	Pittsburgh 17-10
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Los Angeles			Kansas 20-10	Texas A&M 7-38	Nebraska 35-17	Maryland 27-3	Army 13-0	Syracuse 45-15	West Virginia 49-21	Miami (Fla.) 14-0	North Carolina 19-10	Temple 10-7	Pittsburgh 17-10
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS Carbondale			Kansas 20-10	Texas A&M 7-38	Nebraska 35-17	Maryland 27-3	Army 13-0	Syracuse 45-15	West Virginia 49-21	Miami (Fla.) 14-0	North Carolina 19-10	Temple 10-7	Pittsburgh 17-10
SOUTHERN METHODIST Dallas, Tex.			Kansas 20-10	Texas A&M 7-38	Nebraska 35-17	Maryland 27-3	Army 13-0	Syracuse 45-15	West Virginia 49-21	Miami (Fla.) 14-0	North Carolina 19-10	Temple 10-7	Pittsburgh 17-10
SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI Hattiesburg			Kansas 20-10	Texas A&M 7-38	Nebraska 35-17	Maryland 27-3	Army 13-0	Syracuse 45-15	West Virginia 49-21	Miami (Fla.) 14-0	North Carolina 19-10	Temple 10-7	Pittsburgh 17-10
STANFORD Stanford			Kansas 20-10	Texas A&M 7-38	Nebraska 35-17	Maryland 27-3	Army 13-0	Syracuse 45-15	West Virginia 49-21	Miami (Fla.) 14-0	North Carolina 19-10	Temple 10-7	Pittsburgh 17-10
SYRACUSE New York			Kansas 20-10	Texas A&M 7-38	Nebraska 35-17	Maryland 27-3	Army 13-0	Syracuse 45-15	West Virginia 49-21	Miami (Fla.) 14-0	North Carolina 19-10	Temple 10-7	Pittsburgh 17-10
TEMPLE Philadelphia, Pa.			Kansas 20-10	Texas A&M 7-38	Nebraska 35-17	Maryland 27-3	Army 13-0	Syracuse 45-15	West Virginia 49-21	Miami (Fla.) 14-0	North Carolina 19-10	Temple 10-7	Pittsburgh 17-10
TENNESSEE Knoxville			Kansas 20-10	Texas A&M 7-38	Nebraska 35-17	Maryland 27-3	Army 13-0	Syracuse 45-15	West Virginia 49-21	Miami (Fla.) 14-0	North Carolina 19-10	Temple 10-7	Pittsburgh 17-10
TENNESSEE Cookeville			Kansas 20-10	Texas A&M 7-38	Nebraska 35-17	Maryland 27-3	Army 13-0	Syracuse 45-15	West Virginia 49-21	Miami (Fla.) 14-0	North Carolina 19-10	Temple 10-7	Pittsburgh 17-10
TEXAS Austin			Kansas 20-10	Texas A&M 7-38	Nebraska 35-17	Maryland 27-3	Army 13-0	Syracuse 45-15	West Virginia 49-21	Miami (Fla.) 14-0	North Carolina 19-10	Temple 10-7	Pittsburgh 17-10
TEXAS A&M College Station			Kansas 20-10	Texas A&M 7-38	Nebraska 35-17	Maryland 27-3	Army 13-0	Syracuse 45-15	West Virginia 49-21	Miami (Fla.) 14-0	North Carolina 19-10	Temple 10-7	Pittsburgh 17-10

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TEXAS CHRISTIAN Fort Worth 2-9			Southern Methodist 14-46 ★★●●	Tulane 13-7 ★●●	Arlington ★●●	Arkansas 3-42 ★★●●	Rice 14-21 ★●●	Tulsa 28-14 ★★●●	Baylor 21-28 ★●●	Houston 6-63 ★★●●	Texas Tech 17-27 ★●●	Texas 0-41 ★●●	Texas A&M 7-15 ★★●●
TEXAS TECH Lubbock 7-4			New Mexico 36-23 ★★●●	Arizona 41-26 ●●●	Baylor 27-9 ●●●	Texas A&M 9-38 ★★●●	Arkansas 7-49 ★★●●	Rice 42-23 ★★●●	Texas 7-24 ★●●	Texas 7-24 ★●●	Texas Christian 27-17 ★★●●	Southern Methodist 19-16 ★●●	Houston 22-21 ★●●
TOLEDO Ohio 2-9			Ball State 0-20 ★★●●	Arizona State 12-17 ★★●●	East Michigan 12-17 ★★●●	Bowling Green 27-45 ★★●●	West Michigan 7-17 ★★●●	Ohio Univ. 28-14 ★★●●	Miami (O.) 7-28 ★●●	Central Mich. 3-27 ★★●●	North Illinois 35-16 ★★●●	Kent State 13-17 ★★●●	
TRINITY UNIV. San Antonio, Tex. 2-4-2			Austin 7-17 ★★●●	Sul Ross 14-3 ★●●	Tarleton 2-17 ★★●●	Lubbock Chris. ★●●	McMurry 7-13 ★★●●	Austin (2nd Game) 10-10 ★●●	Sul Ross (2nd Game) 28-0 ★●●	Tarleton (2nd Game) 6-6 ★●●	Colorado College F		
TULANE New Orleans, La. 4-7			Rice ●●●	Texas Christian 7-13 ●●●	Southern Methodist ★●●	Yanderbilt 38-3 ★●●	Southern Mississippi ★●●	West Virginia F	Georgia Tech 17-27 ★★●●	Boston College 9-3 ●●●	Mississippi 3-13 ★●●		Louisiana St. 21-40 ★●●
TULSA Oklahoma 9-2	McNesse State ★●●	Air Force Academy U	Southwest Louisiana 10-3 ★★●●	Oklahoma U	Arkansas 13-21 U	Kansas State 24-14 F	Louisville 24-7 F	Texas Christian ★●●	Florida U	Wichita State 27-13 ★★●●	New Mexico 20-23 ★★●●	Oregon 23-21 ★●●	Southern 10-17 ★●●
UCLA Los Angeles, Calif. 8-3			Purdue ★●●	Wisconsin F	Ohio State ★●●	Stanford 27-26 ★●●	Washington State 45-31 ★●●	California 45-0 ★★●●	Washington 10-7 ★★●●	New Mexico 12-24 ★●●	Tex.-El Paso 38-0 ★★●●	Brigham Young 23-22 ★●●	
UTAH Salt Lake City 8-3	Long Beach ★●●		Washington U	Tennessee U	Utah State 23-20 ★●●	Colorado State 30-6 ●●●	Brigham Young 24-7 ★●●	Las Vegas F	San Diego St. 20-18 ★★●●	Fullerton ★●●	Memphis State 14-35 ★★●●	Weber State 23-44 F	Fresno State 48-22 ★●●
UTAH STATE 7-4			Nebraska U	Colorado State 21-20 ★●●	Utah 20-23 ●●●	Long Beach 17-33 ★★●●	Brigham Young 24-7 ★●●	U. of Pacific 40-14 ★★●●	Arizona State ★●●	Richmond 17-14 F	Kentucky 2-53 ★★●●	Air Force Academy 41-27 F	Tennessee Dec. 1 15-41 ★●●
VANDERBILT Nashville, Tenn. 2-9			Indiana U	Citadel ★●●	Alabama 28-51 ★★●●	Tulane 3-38 ●●●	Auburn 7-49 ★●●	Georgia 10-31 ★★●●	Mississippi 10-35 ★●●	Connecticut ★●●	Virginia Tech 2-28 U	Butlers 9-24 U	Temple 17-27 ★●●
WILLANOVA Penn. 5-6			Massachusetts 23-21 ★●●	Boston College 23-16 ●●●	Cincinnati ★●●	Youngstown 22-17 ★●●	Delaware 22-23 ★●●	Holy Cross ★●●	Marshall U	Georgia U	Virginia Tech ★●●	North Carolina 20-38 ★★●●	Maryland 7-17 ★●●
VIRGINIA Charlottesville 2-9			N.C. State 21-24 ★●●	VMI 9-17 ★●●	Duke 13-20 ★★●●	Clemson 14-30 ★●●	James Madison ★●●	Navy 0-32 U	Alabama 0-35 U	West Virginia 16-3 F	Virginia 7-17 F	VMI 28-2 ★●●	
VIRGINIA MILITARY Lexington 3-8			Richmond 23-6 ★●●	Virginia 17-9 F	East Carolina 6-19 ●●●	E. Tennessee ★●●	Appalachian 10-31 ★●●	Citadel 3-14 ★●●	Furman ★●●	Connecticut ★●●	Marshall ★●●	South Carolina 14-37 U	
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